

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



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Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

17th September 2026

Headed Item No. 3

IHREC report

The council are committed to implementing and delivering on actions of the Equality Action Plan pursuant to Section 32 (1) of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act in relation to Traveller Accommodation.

Progress on actions to date:

- Supporting good practice on ethnic data presentation to the LTACC members on 30th April 2026
- Cultural appropriate training to be organised for council staff and Councillors – working with HR Training to arrange.
- The introduction of the Irish Traveller identifier on Social Housing application forms now enables the council to collate relevant Traveller specific data. Based on the latest report and following an exercise by the Traveller Accommodation Unit, a total of 152 applicants on SDCC Housing List identify as Irish Traveller. Further training on the applications of the Irish Traveler Identifier to be scheduled.
- Seven Preferential Caravan Loan Scheme 2026 Applications approved.

- GIS mapping to include statistics on the number of families living on each Traveller specific accommodation site is to be further discussed with the council's system analyst.
- Traveller Tails and Trials (Beady Pockets Project) Progress meeting held on Tuesday 14th April, attended by Traveller Groups, Libraries staff and officers from the TAU. Work continues the transcription of the recordings. Tenant Liaison Officer to contact the National Museum to discuss the next stage of the project once the transcription of the records is complete.
- Staff from the Traveller Accommodation Unit available to meet with residents/applicants to assist with housing queries / applications when required. Digital champions have been nominated who assist as required. Appointments are available to assist members of the Traveller community with social housing applications.
- The councils Housing Customer Care Centre is open daily, a drop-in support service.
- Staff member from the council's Traveller Accommodation Unit is a member of council's cross departmental Equality and Human Rights working group.
- Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty Training and NALA Plain English training attended by staff members