

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject:  Scottish Gypsy Travellers Association Funding Application
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 21st January 1997	
REF:	

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report advises Committee of an application for funding received from the Scottish Gypsy Travellers Association and makes a recommendation as to the outcome.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Scottish Gypsy Travellers Association are an organisation founded in 1993, whose main activity has been in the East of Scotland. They have approached local authorities requesting assistance, but not for a specific sum or purpose.

**3. NORTH LANARKSHIRE SITUATION**

- 3.1 Primary responsibility for accommodating travelling people lies with the Housing Department, who have met their Pitch Target with sites in Bellshill and Airdrie. The Social Work Department employ a Travelling Peoples Liaison Officer to provide guidance and support to travelling people and facilitate links with other authorities and agencies.

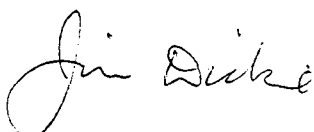
**4. CONCLUSION**

Whilst an umbrella organisation for travelling people may prove beneficial, the Scottish Gypsy Travellers Association have a small membership with few, if any, known links in North Lanarkshire. In the absence of evidence of local activity or benefit, funding for this group is not recommended. This position could be reviewed if they develop a future presence in the authority.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Committee is asked:

- (i) to turn down the funding application from the Scottish Gypsy Travellers Association and;
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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