

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: THE NATIONAL GYPSY COUNCIL - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 1998/99
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 30 September 1997	Ref: CA/SW/1 LD/KM	

Introduction

A request has been received from The National Gypsy Council, Helsby, Warrington, for financial assistance from the Council for 1998/99.

Background

The National Gypsy Council has intimated that it is an all gypsy representative voluntary organisation which represents the interests of travelling people in all matters relating to caravan site provision and management, education and social welfare.

The Directors of Social Work, Housing and Education, each of whom has an interest in the matter, have indicated that, in view of doubts as to the extent to which the National Gypsy Council is representative of travelling people in Scotland, they would not support any request for funding.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the request by The National Gypsy Council for financial assistance for 1998/99 be refused.


Director of Administration