

Temporary Stopping Place People and Communities Policy Committee report - addendum.**Clarifications of costs**

1. The nature of a TSP (Temporary Stopping Place) means there will always be costs to the running and managing the site. The initial cost of set up was offset by an external grant. The decision made to invest in creating the TSP was due to the pressures presented to the Council from unauthorised sites, the TSP enabled us to clear these sites. This pressure is still present within the district, with regular travelling families passing through the district.
2. By investing further in the site, the site will be made safer and enable the Council to manage the site as it should be intended, as a place to move families onto, to clear unauthorised encampments. This investment will also ensure we have clear idea about who is on the site at any one time to enable us to hold tenants to account.
3. An Architect will be engaged to re-design the site and a full cost analysis will be prepared to enable Cabinet to make a decision. Early indications still suggest a capital cost of around £125k although this will be made clearer by the Architects report.

Demand requirements

4. Whilst the reports notes in 3.24 that several of the families who have previously used the site have been housed, these families were never the intended tenants of the TSP. These families tend to live in and around South Norfolk and have used the site as general housing rather than as a transit site. By housing these families, this will leave the site to be used in managing the intended recipients of the site, i.e. those who we need to move off unauthorised encampments.

Management plan

5. As part of the review and improvements of the site, a clear management plan will be put in place to ensure our procedures for the site are robust enough to deal with families on site. The management of the site has always been informal, which has led to issues in the past including antisocial behaviour and clearing the site of waste. This management plan will be presented to Cabinet as part of the full report but will details the resources required to responsibly and safely manage the site.