

GYPHY/TRAVELLER DELIVERY PLAN – TRACKER

E. Improve Gypsy/Traveller Representation

The table below sets out the progress that has been made in delivering the representation actions in the Gypsy/Traveller Action Plan. The COVID 19 pandemic has resulted in delays in progressing some of the actions. We are therefore reviewing the actions, with the intention of continuing them for a further 18 months.

Action	Activity	Progress
<p>31. Helping to secure representation on key advisory groups and decision-making bodies on issues that are important to them (on a national and local level).</p>	<p>COSLA and SG to work with community members and the third sector to identify and secure opportunities for Gypsy/Travellers to be fairly represented in decision-making bodies, forums and agendas</p>	<p>This work was paused due to the Covid19 pandemic.</p> <p>However, the intention is to focus on identifying and following up on opportunities for Gypsy/Travellers to get more involved in the aforementioned areas as we take the plan into the 18 month extension.</p>
<p>32. Supporting local authorities and the wider public sector to listen to Gypsy/Travellers in their areas in a meaningful and supportive way and engage them through local policy, planning and budgetary processes.</p>	<p>COSLA to scope and understand Gypsy/Travellers current participation in local decision-making, with a focus on participatory budgeting</p> <p>COSLA to work with 2-3 local authorities to strengthen participation in local policy, planning or budgetary processes agreed with communities</p>	<p>By March 2020 – Scoping work was completed.</p> <p>By January 2021 – local delivery of identified projects began.</p> <p>By March 2021 – evaluation and promotion of work will be delivered.</p> <p>These actions were delayed during Covid19, but remain a priority for moving forward with during the plan’s 18 month extension.</p> <p>Local Leaders network meetings will consider the ways in which Gypsy/Travellers’ participation can be enabled and sustained locally to improve outcomes going forwards.</p>

	<p>COSLA to evaluate and share outcomes from work To provide information and advice to Local Leaders network to support participation in local decision-making</p>	
<p>33. Providing practical and financial support to enable Gypsy/Traveller communities to shape national policy agendas and local priorities and to assess the progress we are making.</p>	<p>Most of this has been allocated.</p>	<p>Between 2019/2020 just over £230,000 was spent on engagement with the Gypsy/Traveller community.</p> <p>As COVID19 forced us to pause this in the short term, however community engagement remains at the centre of everything we intend to do over our 18 month extension.</p>