

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet
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TRAVELLERS COSTS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Purpose

1. To advise Cabinet of the expenditure to date in connection with Travellers, for the financial year 2005/06.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2.	Quality, Accessible Services	Not applicable, this report is for information only
	Village Life	
	Sustainability	
	Partnership	

Background

3. The Council is attempting to control breaches of planning control by Travellers. This is the second of the quarterly reports for 2005 – 06. Cabinet made the original request for quarterly reports at the meeting on 20 May 2004.

Considerations

4. Not applicable.

Options

5. Not applicable.

Financial Implications

6. Expenditure to date is:

	2004/05 Actual	2005/06 To Date**
	£	£
Barrister costs	38,325	23,305
Solicitors costs	165,057	66,011
Bailiff costs	9,490	2,351
Hire of premises	2,770	0
Contractors	1,580	0
Cambs Travellers Initiative contribution	1,500	0
Miscellaneous costs	4,134	81
Countrywide Travellers Survey	20,000	0
Foul Water Survey, Smithy Fen	0	1,185
Central, Departmental & Support Services	107,418	*
Total costs	350,274	92,933

* Staffing costs are allocated at the end of the financial year.

** These costs will be met from the 2005 – 06 budget:

Legal Fees	£100,000
Enforcement including Injunctive action	£450,000
Staffing costs	£179,870
Total Budget	£729,870

Legal Implications

7. The Council has a responsibility to ensure development is in compliance with the Development Plan.

Staffing Implications

8. None.

Risk Management Implications

9. Travellers' incursion has been identified as a very high likelihood with critical impact in the Council's Risk Management Plan.

Consultations

10. None.

Conclusions/Summary

11. This continues to be a significant cost to the Authority. Further significant costs are anticipated.

Recommendations

12. It is recommended that Members note the content of the report.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: IBS Financial Management System Report
Invoices awaiting payment

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