



**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
The Traveller Accommodation Act 1998**

DATE: September 3rd 2019

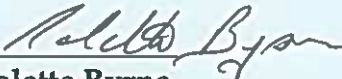
Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998 and Circular 35/2018 "guidelines for the Preparation, Adoption and Implementation of Local Authority Traveller Accommodation Programmes 2019-2024" a draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for Kilkenny has been prepared for your consideration.

The draft programme has been placed on public display as required and the process of consultation with Traveller groups and representatives has been extensive resulting in meaningful engagement.

I am satisfied that the proposed Programme is in accordance with regulatory requirements, reflects accurately the projected housing needs of our Traveller communities and is achievable over the lifetime of the Programme, subject to the availability of appropriate funding at Department level. Legislation requires that each local authority adopt a Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2019-2024 on or before September 30th 2019.

I recommend that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the adoption of the proposed Traveller Accommodation Programme as circulated herewith.


Colette Byrne,
Chief Executive.