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Report of	Licensing, Food & Safety Manager	Author	Jon Ruder
Title	Caravan and Park Homes Update		☎ 282840
Wards affected	Not applicable		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the licensing of caravan sites following the lifting of the provisions put in place as a result of the pandemic.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 That the information contained within the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

- 3.1 The report is an update on the current position.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Current situation

- 5.1 On 23 March 2020 the Government directed all non-essential premises, which included caravan parks/sites for commercial use, to close with immediate effect. The Guidance did however allow some people to remain where their primary residence was unavailable. As a result, a small number of people were resident on sites in the Borough.
- 5.2 As restrictions have eased, site owners have been advised that people should no longer be resident unless they are able to provide evidence of their legitimate reason to do so e.g. being unable to return to a home overseas. Where evidence has not been provided Park owners should be taking steps to move them on.
- 5.3 The Council is satisfied that the appropriate measures have been taken at all but one of the sites in the Borough; discussions are ongoing with the remaining site. At the current time 26 people have a legitimate right to remain on a site because of their current circumstances. Action has been taken to remove 22 others. The Council will continue to keep the matter under review to ensure compliance with the legislation.

6 Standard references

- 6.1 There are no references to the Strategic Plan; publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications; and environmental and sustainability implications.