

CITY COUNCIL

6 DECEMBER, 2022

**AMENDMENTS TO
MOTIONS IN THE
COUNCIL AGENDA
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE
OF THE MEETING**

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

1 to 9A

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Add to end

Council notes that Ukraine is the fastest-growing refugee crisis since the Second World War. Approximately 6.65 million people inside Ukraine have been displaced since the conflict started, and 5.8 million people are registered as refugees across Europe. The UK government quickly committed large-scale humanitarian funding, sending experts to the region, and delivering life-saving supplies to Ukraine, including medical and food aid. The UK is providing £220 million of humanitarian assistance including up to £145 million to UN and Red Cross Agencies and £25 million in matched funding to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal (DEC) – the largest ever aid match contribution committed by a UK Government.

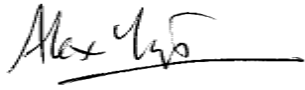
This is in addition to the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which was rolled out at pace to offer safe refuge for those fleeing the war here in the UK. Council agrees with the Government that Councils have a critical role to play in the success of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and are uniquely placed to support local communities to offer people from Ukraine the warmest possible welcome to the UK. This Council is proud of the way the sector, along with charities, families and volunteers, have stepped up to work with government to deliver this urgent and large-scale scheme.

Council notes the concerns raised by a number of Host families within Birmingham regarding both the speed and quality of support received from council commissioned services and the impact this has had on both them and the refugees they have taken into their homes.

Council therefore asks Scrutiny to bring in Birmingham host families to provide evidence when carrying out their assessment of the scheme so that concerns can be properly understood and addressed with improvements made going forward.

Council further notes concerns have been raised regarding the procurement for the delivery of support, including the late mobilisation of the contract and the ability of the provider to meet the needs of the contract. Whilst the contract was let via single contractor negotiations based on the justification it would allow a known existing provider to commence work immediately, it took 4-5 months to fully mobilise after the contract award

Concerns have also been expressed about the needs for a £330k database as part of the support scheme and if this represented value for money. Council asks that both these matters are considered within the scrutiny review, including a full audit of how funds received from the Government have been allocated.

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PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Alex Yip

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SECONDED BY:

Councillor Rick Payne

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

2 to 9a

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'This Council therefor calls for' - point 1) insert at end:

This assessment should also take into account wider issues around asylum and immigration and the existing Government policy that places pressure on cities like Birmingham.

Point 2) insert at end:

In addition, we ask the Government to provide similar information and financial support for Ukrainian arrivals under visa schemes other than Homes for Ukraine.

Insert at end of motion:

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK and sign the national 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge.
- 2) Call on the UK Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, and work with Local Authorities and communities to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion.

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor John Cotton

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Martin Brooks

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1 to 9B

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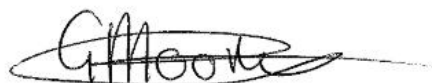
Amend final bullet to read:

Acknowledge the work that the co-ordinating overview and scrutiny committee have commenced to support work to renew the strategy and ask that they continue to facilitate engagement with other scrutiny committees.

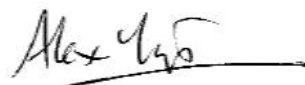
Add to end

- Write to the Council Executive calling on them to ensure that council funding for domestic abuse related services is protected within the council's medium term financial plan
- Calls on the Council Executive to ensure that, within its powers, victims of domestic abuse are not placed in Exempt or Temporary Accommodation with known sex or violence offenders
- Calls on the Executive to carry out a review, and report back to Scrutiny within 6 months, on how it can increase the number of specialist refuge bed spaces within Birmingham
- Ensure that, whilst noting that domestic abuse\violence is overwhelmingly a gendered crime, that all strategies, plans and funding decisions do not overlook other victims of domestic abuse including intergenerational, male and same sex relationships
- Calls on the Executive to review what additional support can be provided specifically to children who are caught up in domestic abuse situations to ensure that their futures are not compromised as a result of what they have witnessed
- Calls on the Executive to ensure that head teachers are aware of the importance of providing school places to children who have to move schools due to domestic abuse, within the school admissions statutory code of practice.
- Record its thanks to the numerous charities and organisations across Birmingham and the UK providing invaluable support to victims of domestic abuse

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Gareth Moore



SECONDED BY:

Councillor Alex Yip

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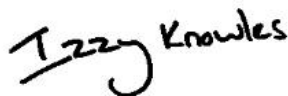
To add the following points the end of 'This Council resolves to':

- Facilitate a two tier training programme to cover:
 - 'What is a healthy relationship?', to be made available to all professionals working with young people as well as Safeguarding Teams, including elected members as Corporate Parents, to help facilitate early interventions.
 - Healthy relationship training in schools to enable young people to recognise unhealthy relationships, understand the complexities of relationships and have a good understanding of strategies they can deploy to successfully address relationship issues.'



PROPOSED BY:

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Councillor Morriam Jan



SECONDED BY:

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Councillor Izzy Knowles

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