



## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### SUPPORT TO SYRIAN REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN SHROPSHIRE

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#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Shropshire Council established a cross party working group in the autumn of 2016 to formulate and co-ordinate the response from Shropshire to this international humanitarian crisis.
- 1.2 The proposed response is set out in the report attached at Appendix A. The report considers four different cohorts of people and for each cohort explains the current position and how Shropshire will be responding.
- 1.3 Since writing the attached report we now have a revised date when we might expect the first cohort of refugees to arrive in Shropshire having had confirmation that the next refugee charter flight for the West Midlands area is scheduled for end of June /early July 2016.

#### 2. Recommendations

##### **The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:**

- A) Note the recommendations included in the report attached at Appendix A and that these were approved by Shropshire Council Cabinet on 16 March 2016.

### REPORT

#### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

##### **Engagement and Consultation**

- 3.1 This is set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

## **Equalities and Human Rights**

3.2 This is set out in the report attached at Appendix A

## **Financial Implications**

3.3 The financial implications and costs are set out in the report at appendix A

## **4. Background**

4.1 See the report attached at Appendix A.

## **5. Conclusions**

5.1 Shropshire is progressing towards being fully prepared to welcome the first cohort of refugees to arrive in Shropshire, which is expected to be at the end of June /early July.

5.2 Support from the Public continues to be offered and a small groups developing a local support offer in Oswestry where the initial cohort of refugees will be accommodated.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b> Councillor Malcolm Price
<b>Local Member</b> All – this is a County wide matter
<b>Appendices</b> Appendix A: Cabinet Report 16 March 2016. The Provision and Support to Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Shropshire