

NOTICE OF MOTION**JOINT GREEN GROUP AND LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP
SUPPORT FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN IN REFUGEE CAMPS**

That following the announcement that the so-called 'Dubs Amendment', a scheme for unaccompanied children to come to the UK is to be closed, this Council requests that:

The Chief Executive write to the Home Secretary to ask that she honours the Government's commitment to play its part in providing safe-haven to unaccompanied refugee children; and makes the requisite funding available to BHCC and all other Local Authorities willing to give a place of sanctuary for these blameless survivors.

Proposed by: Cllr Littman

Seconded by: Cllr Daniel

Supported by: The Green Group of councillors

The Labour and Cooperative Group of councillors

Supporting information

The 2016 'Dubs Amendment' 2016 established a safe route to sanctuary in the UK for unaccompanied children from Europe. This was supported by many councils including BHCC who pledged to work with the Government to set up the scheme. Since then Brighton and Hove has received 4 young people as a direct result of the amendment.

This child refugee scheme was ended in February 2017.

Brighton and Hove is a City of Sanctuary, an award received for work done in the city to support people who come to the city for safety, such as asylum seekers and refugees.

