

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****CITY OF SANCTUARY**

“Brighton and Hove City Council recognises and welcomes the good work going on in the city to make it a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community which offers safety to those who need it. As a city we celebrate diversity and recognise that our lives are enriched by those who come here seeking sanctuary.

Brighton and Hove City Council supports the movement to have Brighton and Hove recognised as a City of Sanctuary: a place where people fleeing persecution and violence can feel safe, welcomed, and included.

Brighton and Hove City Council recognises that there is still a great deal more we in the city could do, and will work with partners across the city to take practical steps towards welcoming refugees and asylum seekers to a place of safety, for example through the Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme.

To these ends, the Council supports the principle of Brighton and Hove becoming a City of Sanctuary, and to continue to work with partners across the city, towards accommodating more refugees including those from Syria's ongoing civil war.

The Council also supports working with other local authorities and the Local Government Association to share best practice in this area and further the aims of the wider City of Sanctuary movement.”

Proposed by: Councillor Littman Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

Supported by: Councillors Buckley, Bowden, Davey, Deane, Hawtree, Jarrett, Jones, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Mac Cafferty, Powell, Randall, Rufus, Shanks, Sykes, Wakefield and West.

Supporting Information:

Brighton and Hove has a well-deserved reputation for embraced the diversity of its residents. Further, both Brighton and Hove have histories of welcoming members of communities who fled their homes to find sanctuary. Thanks to the numbers fleeing here in the late 1800s, Brighton boasts the only Huguenot church in Britain, outside London. Meanwhile in Hove, many Jews fleeing persecution in Europe were moved to the Furze Hill area and beyond, founding a large community in the town, and contributing greatly to its civic life.

