

**COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG  
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION**

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

**PWNC | SUBJECT:**


The Council's commitment to participate in the UK Resettlement Scheme

**DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:**

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to support and actively participate in the new UK Resettlement Scheme, which supersedes the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programmes that the Council has supported since September 2015.

**PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:**

To approve the Council's participation in the new UK Resettlement Scheme

	PAUL JEFF	7.1.2020
<b>Llofnod y Prif Swyddog</b> Chief Officer Signature	<b>Enw (priflythrennau)</b> Name (Print Name)	<b>Dyddiad</b> Date

**Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.**

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

**YMGYNGHORI | CONSULTATION**



**LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET  
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE**

07/01/2020

**DYDDIAD | DATE**

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**LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL  
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE**

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**DYDDIAD | DATE**

**RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.**

**A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:**

**IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**YDY | YES      NAC YDY | NO**

**Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:**

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***Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Llywydd, y Dirprwy Lywydd neu Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:***

***If deemed urgent - signature of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:***

*N/A*  
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**(Llywydd | Presiding Member)      (Dyddiad | Date)**

**DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.**

**NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.**

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

**Nodwch:** Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**KEY DELEGATED DECISION**

**REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO THE UK RESETTLEMENT SCHEME**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to support and actively participate in the new UK Resettlement Scheme, which supersedes the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programmes that the Council has supported since September 2015.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended Officer decision of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve the Council's participation in the new UK Resettlement Scheme.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Authority currently supports the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme. This programme is very successful, with excellent partnership work taking place between third sector organisations, the University Health Board and the Council. There is also a very strong link with Further and Higher education establishments within our authority, and the co-ordinated approach to our work has received widespread recognition.
- 3.2 The Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme is being replaced by the UK Resettlement Scheme, so approval is sought to enable a smooth transition to the new scheme and to enable the Council to maintain active participation in the resettlement programmes.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Prime Minister announced a significant extension of the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme for Syrian Refugees (SVPRS) (Currently named the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme). The original eligibility

criteria were expanded to encompass the following 7 grounds; women and girls at risk, survivors of torture, medical and disability issues, sexual orientation or gender identity and refugees with links to the UK. The UK Government outlined an intention to resettle up to 20,000 refugees from Syria's neighbouring countries by 2020, arguing that it is better to take the most vulnerable people directly from the region, than encouraging Syrian refugees to make dangerous journeys to Europe.

- 4.2 To this end, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) decided to focus efforts on identifying displaced Syrians at refugee camps established in the Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon region. The resettled refugees are granted five years 'Humanitarian Protection' status and have access to both public funds and the labour market. It has also been recognised that at the end of the five years they will be eligible to apply for permanent settlement in the UK.
- 4.3 In September 2015, Cabinet determined that RCTCBC would resettle families under the SRP and seek the commitment of Cwm Taf University Health Board, Local Housing providers and the third sector to support the Local Authority in delivering this scheme.
- 4.4 On the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, the UK Government further announced that it would work with the UNHCR to resettle children and adults from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The Vulnerable Children Resettlement Programme (VCRP) is specifically tailored to support vulnerable and refugee children and their families within the region who are at risk.
- 4.5 In October 2016, by way of a delegated decision, it was determined that RCTCBC would also participate in the VCRP, being the first Local Authority in Wales to receive a family under that scheme on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- 4.6 The UK Government confirmed on 17 June 2019 its ongoing commitment to resettlement, announcing plans for a new UK Resettlement Scheme which will see thousands more refugees provided with a route to protection when it begins in 2020. The new scheme will consolidate the Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Scheme, the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme and the Gateway Protection Programme into one global scheme.
- 4.7 The new UK Resettlement Scheme will be open to refugees identified by UNHCR to be in need of resettlement to the UK because of their vulnerability and does not have a specific geographical focus.

## **5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications. The families identified as suitable for the programme are initially selected by the Home Office.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Prior to the acceptance of any individuals into RCT as part of resettlement schemes, extensive consultation is carried out with various departments and partner

organisations including South Wales Police, Health, Housing, Social Services and Education.

**7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 7.1 There will be no financial implications for the Local Authority. The funding package available under the new scheme will mirror that currently paid under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 There are no legal implications to consider

**9 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 The report links to the Councils Corporate Priority of:

People – promoting positive lives for everyone. (Making sure that children and young people get a great start in life by helping families and keeping children and young people safe)

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

A More Equal Wales – A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances

A Globally Responsible Wales – A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

**10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 The strength of partnership working in Rhondda Cynon Taf, along with the support of the local communities, has been integral to the success of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement programme. Participation in the new UK Resettlement Scheme will provide us with an opportunity to build on this success.

- 10.2 The long term goal of the programme is to enable the resettled families to thrive and prosper in their communities and be part of a more cohesive Wales. The commitment and support Rhondda Cynon Taf has provided to the programme is ensuring that the long term goal is within reach.

Other Information:-

*Relevant Scrutiny Committee*

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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**THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO THE GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT SCHEME**

**Background Papers**

- The Councils Commitment to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme: Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking & Refugee Children; Delegated Decision – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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