

## **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

Community Sponsorship for Syrian Refugees

#### **(i) Details of decision**

The Cabinet Member agreed that Community Sponsorship be encouraged and enabled as a means to resettle Syrian Refugees under the VPRS and gave consent to prospective Community Sponsors in Mole Valley subject to them meeting the Home Office criteria for that consent (set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report).

#### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

The resettlement of refugee households in Mole Valley adds to the diversity of the area and the household will have the opportunity in the long term to contribute to the local economy through employment and voluntary work. This results in a vibrant local economy with thriving towns and villages.

The VPRS and Community Sponsorship Scheme present opportunities to promote community spirit, to encourage individuals and families to welcome and support refugee households and to be more resilient in times of need.

#### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

There were none.

#### **(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report**

There were none.

### **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)**

None.

### **Decision taken by:**

**(i) Name:** Mary Lewis

**(ii) Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families

**Date of Decision:** 22 January 2019

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 22 January 2019

**Date decision effective** (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children and Education Select Committee):  
30 January 2019