



### **Motion to Midlothian Council**

Council expresses its grave concern at the plight of refugees trying to escape war and persecution and trying to reach the relative safety of Europe. Council believes we have a moral duty to do all we can to help people in these circumstances.

Council instructs officers to investigate and report on:

- the likelihood of making some settled or emergency accommodation available for refugees
- what support the council could provide by acting as a central point for donations of essential items and practical support to these refugees
- how items could be delivered direct or via a third party

Council agrees to work with the Scottish Government, local authorities and participating organisations to press for urgent action from the UK Government to provide greater levels of support including the acceptance of more refugees in support of a wider European effort.

Proposed:



Councillor Jim Bryant

Seconded:



Councillor Catherine Johnstone