

Amendments to Motions

Full Council 13 June 2023

Amendments shown with tracked changes.

Item 10 – Majority Group Motion for Debate

Ealing Council:

a. notes that:

- (i) Ealing has a proud history of embracing individuals seeking safety within our Borough, including recently many people from Hong Kong and Ukraine.
- (ii) there are significant problems with the UK asylum system that affect people in Ealing, including a record backlog of cases awaiting a decision, a de facto ban on working, enforced poverty and homelessness and strain on the Council's resources.
- (iii) the Nationality and Borders Act creates a two-tier system whereby those arriving by irregular means may receive less protection and support.
- (iv) under the provisions of the Nationality and Borders Act people attempting illegal entry of the UK may be removed to Rwanda.
- (v) people may be placed in large accommodation centres, at a lower cost to the UK taxpayer.

b. believes that:

- (i) everyone's claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly.
- (iv) people seeking safety should be housed as our neighbours and as a part of our communities.
- (v) the UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives and enables communities to welcome them.

This council resolves to:

- (i) call on the UK Government to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion.
- (ii) work with local organisations and people with lived experience of the asylum system in order to help and assist those in real need.
- (iii) Join the network of cities and towns which promote the inclusion and welfare of people who are fleeing violence and persecution and become a recognised Borough of Sanctuary.

Item 11 - Motions not for Debate – Labour Group Amendment

**Implementing a Freedom of Information disclosure log - Moved by Cllr Gary Malcolm,
Seconded by Cllr Andrew Steed**

Ealing Council notes that several London local authorities including Harrow, Barnet, Bexley and Tower Hamlets all have Freedom of Information disclosure logs.

Ealing Council reiterates it's commitment to being 'Open Transparent and inclusive', and will continue to explore options to better allow residents to access information about their council, including potentially introducing its own Freedom of Information disclosure log.