

**NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN**

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE**

<b>DETAILS OF DECISION</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Resettlement of Syrian Refugee Households
<b>Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision</b>	To agree an overall ambition to rehouse five Syrian refugee households a year for the next five years (2017-2021) and to make a formal offer to the Home Office to resettle five Syrian refugee households in Southwark within the next year (Phase 1).
<b>Decision taker</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date by which Key Decision must be taken</b>	13 December 2016
<b>Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan</b>	The forward plan relating to decisions to be taken from December onwards was published on 1 November 2016. The council and its partners have been exploring ways to resettle Syrian refugee households within Southwark. Phase 1 of the resettlement process is reliant on the use of accommodation to be provided by the Salvation Army and their offer of accommodation was formalised on 16 November. The council was not in a position to progress Phase 1 of the proposal until confirmation from the Salvation Army, it was therefore not possible to include the decision on the December forward plan.
<b>Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan</b>	The council needs to urgently accommodate the families from Syria and there is a significant cost to the Salvation Army to keep the properties vacant, prior to the use for Syrian refugees so the properties need to be occupied as soon as possible to maximise use of the offer from the Salvation Army and reduce costs.
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