

FC70. SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSONS RELOCATION SCHEME

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services recommending participation in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPRS) Scheme.

The Scottish Government had committed, in September 2015, to support the resettlement of Syrian refugees and had provided £1m to support the process. It was estimated that Falkirk Council would accommodate approximately 60 refugees.

The report summarised the preparatory work undertaken by Council services and key partners including the Community Planning Partnership.

It was anticipated that Falkirk Council would be able to start accommodating its allocated refugees from January 2016. Council was required to confirm its participation in the Scheme with the Home Office.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- (1) note the update regarding the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme;**
- (2) note the work being undertaken regarding the Scheme;**
- (3) authorise officers to contact the Home Office to advise that Falkirk Council will be in a position to receive refugees from January 2016, and**
- (4) note that a temporary Resettlement Officer will be recruited in line with the Recruitment and Selection Policy.**