Agenda Item 6

COUNCIL MEETING 18 December 2023

**MEMBER QUESTION 1** (Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.2)

Question to Councillor Oliver from Councillor Thomas

## Question

Would the Leader of the Council outline for the benefit of Members and public the excellent work undertaken by Rother District Council both directly and through community partners to welcome and support refugees fleeing from war zones.

## Answer

The Council can demonstrate a strong and longstanding commitment to working with partner organisations and the community to support refugees to resettle in Rother. Since its inception in 2016, Rother has been an active participant in the UK Resettlement Schemes. Our participation includes welcoming refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and, in more recent years, Ukraine. The Council will continue to support the wider community to remain active and willing participants in the UK Resettlement Scheme. We will also continue to fulfil our role in facilitating Home Office colleagues with their programme of asylum seeker placements throughout the various regions of the UK.

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