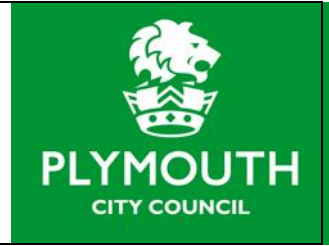


QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR



Question submitted by: Cllr Terri Beer

To Cabinet Member: Cllr Rebecca Smith, Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities

Question:

Can you explain to me why it's reported that Afghan refugees have been left unsupported? What is the council doing?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

The Council has commissioned support for Afghan refugees arriving via the Afghan Relocation Assistance Policy (ARAP) or the Afghan Citizen's Resettlement Scheme from the Refugee Integration Service. Support includes casework support through Students and Refugees Together (START), tenancy management with Landlords from Plymouth Access to Housing (PATH), ESOL lessons for spouses and partners where required, employment mentoring for those with higher language levels provided by ODILS learning foundation.

Further support is also offered to refugees in the city to support with integration via Plymouth Hope and the British Red Cross if legal advice is needed to support family reunion applications.

Signed:

Dated: 24/08/2022