

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

TITLE: ANEW (Tyneside Welcomes) – application to become a Community Sponsor Group to welcome and support a family from Afghanistan.

Background

As per the Home Office guidance the Local Authority is being asked to approve the arrival of the family as part of the Community Sponsorship Scheme. Tyneside Welcomes is a registered charity who have previously successfully resettled a family into North Tyneside. As per the Home Office guidance Tyneside Welcomes have approached the Local Authority for support and completion of the following checks: The Local Authority has completed the following:

- Property and address checks – completed by the Private Sector Housing team 13/05/2022 confirmation received from Anna Tankerville Private sector Housing that all criteria have been met inclusive of all Selective Landlord License Criteria.
- 13/03/2022 confirmation was received from Carole Paz-Uceira and Saira Park Safeguarding Business Managers that both Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Policies were appropriate and in line with Local Authority policy and procedures.
- Consultation with other LAs – Middlesbrough Council are currently authorising a community sponsorship and Northumberland Council have just received one, both lead officers state they have or are in the process of completing the relevant checks (we have done this) and have stated that they are likely to progress the application. North Tyneside Council have authorised a sponsorship as have Newcastle City Council. All stated that the feeling is we would have to have a very significant reason to decline as it is a governmental scheme.

DELEGATED DECISION:

The decision set out below has been made in accordance with the following delegation in the Council’s constitution:

Executive Powers - General Delegations to Managers, 4(b):

Serve, receive and act upon notices; **give or refuse consents**; issue determinations; apply for permissions; make orders; grant licences; request the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance to take legal action or take any other appropriate action to:

Safeguard the Council’s interests;

Prevent or mitigate harm or inconvenience to persons, property or the environment; or **Exercise any discretionary power** or comply with any duty of the Council

DECISION: To Approve consent for ANEW (Tyneside Welcomes) application to become a Community Sponsor Group to welcome and support a family from Afghanistan in Gateshead.

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Signed

Dated 8 June 2022