



Our commitment to supporting families from Afghanistan



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Leader of our Council, Cllr Morris Bright MBE, has spoken of our commitment to supporting families from Afghanistan who are being relocated to the UK following the Taliban take-over of their country:

“It’s almost impossible to imagine what it must be like for the Afghan people at this time of great peril and uncertainty.

“Like other local authorities across the UK, we stand ready to support all those who have had to flee their homes because of the violence and fear proliferated there by the Taliban.

“We are in close and regular contact with the Home Office and the East of England Strategic Migration Unit around the support that is currently being offered to approximately 200 Afghan individuals temporarily accommodated in two hotels in our borough, with further voluntary support being provided by the Red Cross. These are people, and their families, who supported the British Army during its presence in Afghanistan predominantly working as interpreters.

“Through our experience of resettling Syrian families in the borough, we know that any support we provide must be co-ordinated and meaningful.

“While we’re reviewing the government’s latest resettlement scheme, we will continue to provide as much support as we can, in conjunction with other councils, public sector organisations and charities in Hertfordshire.”

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