

Regional Resettlement Group Terms of Reference

Purpose and remit

The Regional Resettlement Group provides an opportunity for engagement between local authorities and their commissioned voluntary sector organisations, and representatives from the Home Office and the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities on the Government's resettlement programmes.

The Regional Resettlement Group is chaired by the East of England Strategic Migration Partnership (SMP).

The Group's principal roles are:

- 1.** To provide up to date information to local authorities and their commissioned voluntary sector organisations on the national policies and procedures in relation to the current refugee resettlement programmes; the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), referred to as Afghan resettlement, and the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS).
- 2.** To enable local authorities and voluntary sector organisation to feedback to central government any challenges and learning regarding the design and delivery of policies and procedures in relation to refugee resettlement.
- 3.** To identify gaps to shape and improve policies, procedures and integration outcomes and feed into the priorities of the Regional Resettlement and Ukraine Coordination Group, which will be communicated to central government.
- 4.** To share experiences and best practice with regards to encouraging the participation of local authorities in refugee resettlement and successfully delivering refugee resettlement outcomes.
- 5.** To support and promote integration and equality, and develop a positive vision of the cultural, social and economic benefits that refugees can contribute to the region.

6. To consider the inclusion of emerging schemes that allow refugees to come to UK whereby local authorities have a key role which fall outside the scope of the Government's resettlement schemes for example Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

At all times the Group will endeavour to reach a consensus and collective view on matters but individual members and their organisations are regarded as independent of the Regional Resettlement Group and may take such positions in their own name as they may consider necessary.

Membership

- Local authorities from the East of England
- Voluntary organisations commissioned by local authorities to provide wraparound support in Afghan resettlement bridging accommodation and integration support for resettled families.
- Home Office - Local Authority Engagement Strategic Lead, East of England and LA Engagement Team Contact Officer East of England.
- Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities – Engagement leads on resettlement and Ukraine.
- East of England Strategic Migration Partnership

Frequency of meetings

Meetings will be held quarterly via Teams or at West Suffolk House
