

## **Standard Motion on Homelessness and Immigration Rules**

1. This council notes the Government Immigration Rules published on 22 October 2020, coming into effect on 1 December 2020 which made rough sleeping grounds for refusing or cancelling a person's leave to remain in the UK.
2. This council further notes the implementation guidance published by the Government on 20 April 2021 which clarifies how the rules will be implemented
3. This council welcomes the government's ongoing commitment to end rough sleeping by 2024.

### **This council believes**

4. In order to end rough sleeping, people experiencing homelessness must be able to confidently approach local services provided by this council and its commissioned partners.
5. That the immigration rules as proposed will dissuade many people facing homelessness from accessing those services for fear that their details will be passed to immigration authorities and that this will lead to an increase in rough sleeping

### **This council therefore pledges**

6. That in order to assist the national effort to end rough sleeping we will make no direct referrals under the rough sleeping Immigration Rules
7. The council will also not require any of our commissioned partners to make referrals or pass data to the Home Office under the Immigration rules.
8. The council will only share information and data with the Home Office with the explicit and informed consent of the individual.
9. To display this commitment prominently in public areas and on our website and to inform those organisations that we work with (commissioned and non-commissioned) who make referrals to us of this policy.
10. To join Homeless Links's #SupportDontDeport campaign and allow our logo to be identified with that campaign.