

Council Meeting – 21st November 2018

Notice of Motion

Merton's migrant communities contribute a huge amount to the borough, and are the heart of the borough's cultural identity.

Merton Council expresses dismay at the 'hostile environment', and the financial and emotional impact this has had on the Windrush generation and their families, including children and grandchildren.

The council notes:

1. the work of organisations the JCWI, BME Lawyers 4 Justice, the Runnymede Trust, MPs and the All Parliamentary Group on Race who have been campaigning on these issues, and
2. the role the Caribbean High Commissions have played in lobbying the Government.

The council resolves to:

1. Write to the Prime Minister to call for an independent public enquiry into the Windrush scandal,
2. Demand the Government fully supports advice agencies in their work to achieve justice (and compensation for all losses, injury and damages to date where necessary) for all Merton residents of the Windrush generation,
3. Review our own policies and procedures to ensure we support those affected,
4. Support the call for fees for naturalisation to be waived for all those who have been affected, and
5. Oppose the criminalisation of Windrush families.

Cllr Edith Macauley

Cllr Stan Anderson

Cllr Marsie Skeete

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