SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO ACT AND BRING ALL APPLICABLE REFUGEE CHILDREN TRAPPED IN THE "CALAIS JUNGLE" TO SAFETY IN THE UK

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Sue Fennimore
- (ii) Councillor Caroline Needham

This Council calls on the Home Secretary Amber Rudd to immediately take steps to provide safe passage to all of the applicable refugee children trapped in the Calais refugee camp that has become known as "The Calais Jungle".

The government needs to:

- State that it fully intends to honour the rights of the refugee children to come to the UK
- 2. Agree to register the children in the "Calais Jungle" and process all necessary documentation
- 3. Ensure sufficient funding to local authorities so that they can recruit and support the vital child care services such as fostering.

The UNHCR estimates that there are 24,000 unaccompanied child refugees in Europe. The British people have a long history of being compassionate towards refugees as happened with the Kindertransport children. We call on the current British government to follow in this tradition and to do its duty towards these refugee children.