

To: Each Local Authority

23.01.2017

Re: Motion Agreed at December Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M01/1216)

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At a meeting held on the 12th December 2016 of South Dublin County Council, Members agreed to circulate the following to all Local Authorities for support.

"This Council, conscious of the fact that there is a Direct Provision Centre located in this County and that some residents of the facility both individuals and families, have been detained there for up to nine years, now requests that the Chief Executive write to both the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Foreign Affairs deploring this denial of human rights and calling on them to have legislation urgently updated so that the status of asylum seeks/refugees can be decided in the shortest possible time, preferably within nine months of their arrival, and, that they be allowed to seek and take up employment on a permit bases while their status is being considered. That this motion be copied to all other City and County Councils".

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Meeting Administrator,

Corporate Performance and Change Management