

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****NATIONAL EVACUEES MEMORIAL**

“This Council applauds the work of the Evacuees Association in highlighting the story of the great evacuation that took place in vulnerable parts of the country at the start of World War 2. Brighton & Hove played a key part in the evacuation, initially as a safe haven for over 30,000 evacuees from London, many of whom settled with local families. Then later, as the threat of a German invasion loomed, many of these children together with children from Brighton & Hove and other vulnerable people, were themselves evacuated to other safer areas of the country.

This Council welcomes the Evacuees Association campaign to establish a National Memorial to the Evacuation at the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield and notes the request from the local Royal British Legion Women’s Section that Brighton & Hove City Council make a contribution to the appeal, as other councils such as Barking and Dagenham have done.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request that Policy & Resources Committee agree a donation to the appeal of £1,000 to act as a lasting commemoration to the unique role of the evacuees, foster parents, teachers, nurses, billeting officers and train/bus drivers who played such a key part in the city’s history.”

Proposed by: Cllr Hyde

Seconded by: Peltzer Dunn

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