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Dear Cllr Anderson,

I am writing to you to request that the Citizens and Communities Scrutiny Board agree to look at the matters related to Leeds on immigration, refugees and asylum seekers.

Earlier this year I requested that the board look at immigration to Leeds (including housing, people trafficking, language barriers, and asylum seekers) and the board decided to not take this matter forward at that stage and requested more specific areas to examine.

I believe that this matter cannot wait given the crisis in the Middle East and Mediterranean and the Prime Ministers announcement that the UK will look to support 20,000 people coming to Britain. I would ask that the scrutiny board look again to bring this forward with urgency and a wide remit to look into migration and asylum, as well as supporting those coming to the city and ensuring Leeds is best placed to cope with any challenges. I intend to raise this at Monday's (14th September) meeting and hope for the support of the Board. I believe a broad remit is necessary as often the status of people can change, it avoids limiting any investigation (which some may see as not fully examining the challenges faced), and can challenge any misconceptions around these areas.

Leeds has a rich history of welcoming people from across the world with open arms and we must ensure that the City is in a position to support those coming to Leeds and that any myths are de-bunked around what is available to those seeking a safe haven away from violence and threat to life.

Yours sincerely



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