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South Gloucestershire Council will take in Syrian refugees

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South Gloucestershire offers to take in Syrian refugees

SOUTH Gloucestershire Council has confirmed it will accept refugees from Syria in a bid to help the humanitarian crisis.

The authority has announced it will take in vulnerable people identified by the government and help to provide the support they need.

The council is currently assessing its capacity to house and support refugees.

Council leader Cllr Matthew Riddle (Con, Severn) said: "We have all seen and been disturbed by the images of suffering caused by the terrible conflict in Syria and wanted to know how we can help to ease that suffering and the community response from residents has been so heart-warming.

“The council response will be to help accommodate and support our share of the refugees that the Government has said they will be bringing to safety in the UK from camps in the Middle East.

“While we await the details about who will come to South Gloucestershire and the support needs that they will have from the Government, we are ready to mobilise as soon as we are called upon.”

He said the council would help co-ordinate groups and individuals’ efforts to help.

Residents who wish to make offers of help should call the South Gloucestershire Contact Centre on 01454 868009.

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