The *(insert council name)* Local Council notes that:

1. We live in a world where people have no option but to flee their homes and countries, and that globally, resettlement places for these people are rare and over-subscribed;
2. All countries, especially the wealthiest, like Australia, need to do their fair share by welcoming refugees in any way they can;
3. Refugees and migrants have made a positive contribution to Australian communities, our economy and our communities; and
4. We need to create more opportunities for safe and legal entry into Australia, and one way to do this is through community led sponsorship.

The *(insert council name)* Local Council moves that:

1. *(insert council name)* Local Council is a community which welcomes refugees;
2. *(insert council name)* Local Council supports an expanded and improved Community Sponsorship Program ; and
3. Calls on the federal government to improve and expand the Community Sponsorship Program to ensure the program:
   1. Does not take places from others in need
   2. Provides adequate support and services
   3. Limits the costs on sponsors
   4. Allows community, family and businesses to act as sponsors
   5. Creates more places for people in need of protection to settle in Australia