

Wiltshire Council

Council

25 February 2020

Notice of Motion No.18 – EU Citizens resident in Wiltshire are welcome here

From Councillors Brian Mathew and Ian Thorn

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Introduction

EU citizens resident in Wiltshire of whom there are in excess of 7,500 registered to vote, make an invaluable contribution to the life of our County and Country including our businesses, the delivery of our public services, and to wider public life, estimated in purely financial Terms at £17.25 Million per year*. They are very welcome here and should be encouraged to stay

*[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741926/Final EEA report.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741926/Final_EEA_report.PDF)

Proposal

We request that Wiltshire Council investigates and initiates further and enhanced communication with EU residents living in Wiltshire stating that they are welcome, acknowledging and congratulating the 8,590 that have already signed up and encouraging those who have not yet done so to stay, by applying for settlement or pre-settlement status and setting out how they can do that by going to

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families.