2016-17 Our Focus at a Glance

Starting from a low level of resources following last years 20% cut, SESPM has responded to the significant urgent requests by putting in place an interim solution to provide specialist support - in addition to our core work - to deliver the regional coordination for phase two of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme and the regional coordination of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Transfer Scheme.
We are very keen to explore a future 3 year funding deal in line with the government commitment on the SVPRS to 2020, which will allow the necessary strategic planning to be more cost effectively delivered.

We will prioritise our work on **asylum**; helping address the need for an increase in accommodation provision and joined up cross sector local support services to deliver effective dispersal in the South East.

We will support local understanding and objectively assess the regional impact of the introduction of new policy and legislation such the 2016 Immigration Act.

We will respond flexibly and effectively to changes in migration policy and decision making that could result following the referendum vote to leave the EU (Brexit)

We will continue to identify regional migration priorities and maintain and build robust cross sector partnerships through the facilitation and coordination of regular Sub Regional Strategic Migration Groups, the Regional Executive Board and the regional No Recourse to Public Funds Network.

We will seek to support local and national priorities such as supporting the South East to be a hostile environment for the perpetrators of immigration crime and those who wish to exploit migrants, community integration models and voluntary returns.

We will continue to provide an effective single point of contact for the South East region on migration issues remaining an effective and efficient two-way conduit between central sources such as Home Office Communications, National Asylum Support Forum and Migration Advisory Committee and local partners.