

**Council: Tuesday, 16 July 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor John Marshall

**Kindertransport Anniversary**

Council notes that this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kindertransport programme, which saw 10,000 Jewish children rescued from the perils of the Third Reich and brought to safety in the United Kingdom. Swiftly mobilised in the aftermath of Kristellnacht, the scheme saw the British Government waive immigration requirements in order to allow an unlimited number of children to enter the country unaccompanied.

This was a uniquely British programme of which, as a country, we should be proud. Council would therefore like to extend its thanks to all those who enabled, organised and delivered this scheme, from the Government of the day and World Jewish Relief to the individuals who helped arrange the transports and the families and institutions who cared for the children on arrival.

Council further notes that many of the Kindertransport children came to settle in Barnet. Council wishes to thank them for their excellent contributions to the local community and those of the wider Kindertransport group to British society.

*Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.*