The city council has agreed to resettle 100 Syrian refugees in Peterborough.

The government announced last year that the UK will accept 20,000 refugees between now and 2020.

Now five families will resettle in the city every year for the next five years. Family groups will typically be two adults and two children.

It’s expected that the first families will arrive this autumn as part of the government’s Syrian vulnerable person resettlement programme.

Councillor John Holdich, Leader of Peterborough City Council, said: ‘I have been speaking with government and we have now come to an agreement on resettling a number of refugees in Peterborough.

‘The government has confirmed that we will receive appropriate levels of funding for these families. That means that we can be sure that we’re offering them the help that they need and over the next few months we will be making appropriate arrangements to prepare for their arrival.

‘This city has a long and proud history of welcoming those that need our help and we will be working with groups from across our community that have already offered their assistance.’

Wendi-Ogle Welbourn, corporate director for people and communities at Peterborough City Council said: ‘Over the next few months we will be making detailed arrangements to help resettle these Syrian families that will be coming from refugee camps.

‘We will be supported by members and organisations from the city’s Diversity Forum - so it will be a real community effort.’