

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COUNCIL	5 DECEMBER 2022	12
<b>FULLY FUNDED REVENUE BUDGET INCREASE – HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY

The report details a request from the Environment, Health and Housing Committee held on 15 November 2022, for approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £320,000 to be met in full from Homes for Ukraine funding as detailed in the body of the report.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme was launched on 14 March 2022 by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)

In two-tier areas, both districts and counties have access to funds for their relevant duties under the scheme, and Lancashire County Council has granted £155,000 to Fylde Council for support to Ukrainian guests who have arrived in the Borough during the period March to July 2022 with and are passporting a further £356,300 (this amount being higher than that reported to the Environment, Health and Housing Committee at £320,000) for the continued delivery support of the scheme in the next round of funding for additional the further guests who have arrived in Fylde.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approves a fully funded revenue budget increase of £356,300 over the three financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25, delivering the Homes for Ukraine Scheme as detailed within the report, with the funding provided via Lancashire County Council for this purpose.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

#### Environment, Health and Housing Committee - 15 November 2022

Recommend to Council approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £320,000 over the three financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25, delivering the Homes for Ukraine Scheme as detailed within the report, with the funding provided via Lancashire County Council for this purpose

#### Finance & Democracy Committee - 28 September 2022

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve a fully funded revenue budget increase of £155,000 in 2022/23 to deliver the Homes for Ukraine Scheme as detailed within the report.
2. That further update on expenditure to date be reported to the Environment, Health and Housing Committee.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

## REPORT

1. The report details a request from the Environment, Health and Housing Committee held on 15 November 2022, for approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £320,000 to be met in full from Homes for Ukraine funding as detailed in the body of the report. Since the time which has elapsed since the Environment, Health and Housing Committee this amount has increased to £356,300.
2. The Homes for Ukraine scheme was launched on 14 March 2022 by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
3. This scheme is open to Ukrainian nationals who were residents in Ukraine prior to 1 January 2022 and to their immediate family members (for example spouse/partner and children under 18) who may be of other nationalities, to be sponsored to come to the UK. Applicants can apply from Ukraine or any other third country. The scheme allows individual members of the public (sponsors) to sponsor named people from Ukraine (guests) who meet the eligibility criteria of this scheme. The number of people who can access this scheme is uncapped and is dependent on the capacity of the sponsors who come forward.
4. Guests will be able to live and work in the UK for up to 3 years and access benefits, healthcare, employment, and other support. Those arriving need to meet standard security checks prior to being issued a visa. Sponsors and all adults in sponsors' households will also be subject to initial Police National Computer (PNC), criminal records and Warnings Index checks by the Home Office.
5. In two-tier areas, both districts and counties have access to funds for their relevant duties under the scheme, and Lancashire County Council has granted £155,000 to Fylde Council for support to Ukrainian guests who have arrived in the Borough during the period March to July 2022 with and are passporting a further £320,000 for the continued delivery support of the scheme in the next round of funding for additional the further guests who have arrived in Fylde.
6. The funding is based on a per Ukrainian guest and is broken down to £1000 per guest to support the integration of the Ukrainians into the community and £2500 per guest to support the Ukrainians in the event of homelessness and is discretionary. The priority is to ensure as many relationships as possible are sustainable supporting guests for six months or longer, however, in a number of cases, this will not be possible.
7. Full details about the delivery of the scheme was set out in the report to the Environment, Health and Housing Committee [here](#)

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report recommends to Council approval of a fully funded revenue budgeted increase of £356,300 to be met in full from Homes for Ukraine funding as detailed in the body of the report.
Legal	No legal implications arising as a result of this report.
Community Safety	There are no direct community safety implications as a result of this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	

	There are no direct human rights or equalities implications as a result of this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no direct sustainability or environmental implications as a result of this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no direct health & safety or risk management implications as a result of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Finance & Democracy Committee	28/9/22	<a href="#">Committee papers</a>