

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	7 JANUARY 2020	10
SYRIAN REFUGEE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT 2019			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

INFORMATION

Fylde Council, under the Lancashire Syrian Refugee Families and Vulnerable Children and their Families Resettlement Programmes agreed to accommodate 5 families in 2019/20. The families arrived on the 10th July 2019 and were accommodated in private sector and social landlord accommodation in Fylde in Kirkham and St Annes. Two families initially required temporary accommodation for a short period while works were completed on their properties.

The Home Office provide a budget of up to £30,000 per property sourced to carry out adaptations or approved works to properties to meet the required standards. Fylde Council were required to pay for these costs upfront and then claim the exact costs back from Lancashire County Council County Equality and Cohesion Team, who provide the direct liaison with the Home Office for the placement of refugee families.

A funded budget increase was approved in May 2019 for £50,000 to enable the sourcing of the accommodation, securing the accommodation and upgrade maintenance works required. A commitment was made to report back to Environment, Health and Housing on actual costs and to request approval of a final funded budget increase. Lancashire County Council has been invoiced for all associated costs.

Total project costs:

Project Officer – to source accommodation, manage upgrade maintenance works and liaison between Landlord and Lancashire County Council for the placement of families. £6,495.

Sourcing accommodation – funding to secure accommodation (rent in advance, rent bond and rent top up), provision of temporary accommodation, electrical inspections and required works, bathroom upgrade, decoration and carpets and blinds. £34,446.68

TOTAL COSTS - £40,942

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Fylde Council Housing Team

LINK TO INFORMATION

[Environment Health and Housing Committee – 5th January 2016](#)

[Environment Health and Housing Committee – 10th January 2017](#)

[Environment Health and Housing Committee – 5th June 2018](#)

[Environment Health and Housing Committee – 5th November 2019](#)

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To report on spend under the Syrian Refugee Accommodation Project and advise the project is now complete.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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