

Record of Officer Decision

Homes for Ukraine Payment Supplement

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Adult and Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities, on 28 November 2023.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has confirmed in his Autumn statement the thank you payments will continue into the third year for those hosting Ukrainian nationals via the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

If hosts end their hosting arrangements, the Council will see an increase in homelessness applications from our Ukrainian refugees with temporary accommodation for a single adult costing as much as £2,240 per month.

The hosts come from a variety of different backgrounds with various levels of income. The supplements would only be available to those hosting under the government funded Homes for Ukraine scheme. The supplement payment would come from one-off funding which needs to be managed to ensure the necessary support continues across the work the Council undertakes in respect of all refugees and asylum seekers.

Decision Taken:

That a thank-you payment supplement of £150 per month, for 4 months, commencing in December 2023 be given to those hosting Ukrainian refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To provide additional financial support to those hosting Ukrainian refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

An alternative option would have been not to offer any additional supplement payment, this option was discounted in order to avoid the potential for additional pressure on other services should host families be struggling financially.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this

decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Director of Adult and Community Services)