

Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee
5 June 2024

Refugee Resettlement & Homes for Ukraine

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the information presented within the report and at the meeting around the work being undertaken by the Council around resettlement of Refugees and the Homes for Ukraine Programme. To scrutinise the work and consider whether any recommendations to the Executive Member arise from discussion

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:
- 1) to make any comments or recommendations in response to the report from the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture; and
 - 2) to consider whether any further scrutiny of the issue is required (and, if so, to identify the focus and timescales).

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Council currently manages the Homes for Ukraine programme, the Afghan and worldwide refugees resettlement programme and is part of the Home Office led Asylum dispersal scheme and has coordinated much of the work on the resettlement programmes on behalf of the City and the County since 2015 and has worked with the Home Office on the asylum dispersal scheme for over 20 years.
- 3.2 The teams work with a number of partner organisations and community groups as well as multi-agency forums to ensure the well being of people and families within the various schemes, with the aim of providing safe spaces, integrated communities and support for issues such as mental and physical health to learning English and other employment type skills.
- 3.3 Funding for this work comes to the Council from the Home Office, and from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and is ringfenced.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Report to Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee – June 2024: Refugee Resettlement & Homes for Ukraine

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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