

REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF PLACE
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FOR INFORMATION
UKRAINIAN RESETTLEMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Policy and Resources Committee with an update regarding the resettlement of Ukrainian households in Pendle.

ISSUE

1. The UK presently has three different Ukraine Schemes to support those who wish to either come to or remain in the UK:

[Ukraine Family Scheme](#)

The scheme allows people to join family members in the UK or to extend their stay in the UK. Those granted visas will be able to work, study and access public funds in the UK. Successful applicants can stay for up to 3 years.

**The council does not receive details of any applications under this scheme*

[Ukraine Extension Scheme](#)

A person can apply for this scheme if one of the following is true:

- s/he held permission to be in the UK on or between 18 March 2022 and 16 May 2023 – the permission does not need to cover the whole period
- s/he previously held permission to be in the UK and that permission expired on or after 1 January 2022

**The council does not receive details of any applications under this scheme*

[Homes for Ukraine](#)

- The scheme has opened for visa applications from Ukrainian applicants who have named people in the UK willing to sponsor them.

- Sponsors commit to providing accommodation for 6 months, which can be a room(s) or a property. The accommodation must be fit for people to live in and suitable for the number of people to be accommodated.
 - Sponsors receive £350 per month per residential address.
 - Standard visa criminality checks are made both on adults in the sponsor household and adults in the arriving household by the Home Office.
 - People arriving under this scheme are able to:
 - Live and work in the UK for up to three years
 - Access healthcare, benefits, employment support, education, and English language tuition
2. On 14th December 2022, the Government announced that*:
- Homes for Ukraine hosts to receive £500 a month as a ‘thank you’ for ongoing support after Ukrainian’s first year of sponsorship
 - £150 million additional funding for local authorities across the UK to help support Ukrainian guests move into their own homes and reduce the risk of homelessness
 - Councils in England to get new £500 million fund to acquire housing stock for those fleeing conflict (including from Ukraine and Afghanistan) and reduce homelessness
 - New potential hosts urged to come forward and apply to re-match existing guests through the scheme
- *[New over £650m support package for Ukrainians sees increased ‘thank you’ payments for longer-term hosts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-over-650m-support-package-for-ukrainians-sees-increased-thank-you-payments-for-longer-term-hosts)*
3. LCC lead on the Homes for Ukraine scheme across all 12 districts. Specifically this relates to supporting Ukrainians arriving in the local area, post-arrival welfare checks, DBS checks, education provision and liaison with sponsors. The council undertakes property checks, payments to sponsors and, when the sponsor agreement ends, help secure rehousing where required.
4. Up to 20th January 2023, there have been 41 Ukrainian households who have resettled with sponsors in Pendle since the scheme began. At present, there are 27 Ukrainian households currently being sponsored, with 14 households moving on positively, through being assisted by the council to secure rehousing locally, been ‘rematched’ to another sponsor, found accommodation themselves or decided to return back to Ukraine.
5. Most households arrived within three months of the scheme commencing, with few arrivals over the last few months. However, as the Homes for Ukraine scheme is demand-led and there is not a cap on arrivals, it is difficult to predict the number of new arrivals in the future.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy

The council is required to implement the Homes For Ukraine scheme in its area.

Financial

The council has received sufficient funding to continue to implement the Homes For Ukraine scheme in Pendle.

Legal

There are no known legal implications arising from this report.

Risk Management

Failure to implement the Homes For Ukraine scheme in Pendle could result in reputational damage.

Health and Safety:

There are no known health & safety implications arising from this report

Sustainability:

Implementing the Homes For Ukraine scheme successfully will result in successful resettlement of Ukrainian households into the borough.

Community Safety:

There are no known community safety implications arising from this report

Equality and Diversity:

There are no known equality and diversity issues arising from this report.