

COUNCIL - 16 NOVEMBER 2023

QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1.	<u>Question submitted by Mr Jeff Holloway to Councillor Hardy (Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing)</u>														
	Subject: Refugees														
	How many properties has Sefton Council bought to house refugees /migrants and how many properties are Sefton Council supporting financially to housing refugees/migrants?														
	Response:														
	<p>“Sefton Council has not bought any properties to house refugees.</p> <p><i>Homes for Ukraine</i></p> <p>Households that are participating in the Homes for Ukraine scheme and are hosting refugees from Ukraine have been provided with additional top up payments to help towards cost-of-living increases.</p> <p>The top up payments are staggered depending on the number of guests each sponsor is hosting, see below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="652 1072 1023 1352"><thead><tr><th>Guests</th><th>Rate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>£ 75</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>£ 100</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>£ 125</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>£ 150</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>£ 175</td></tr><tr><td>6+</td><td>£ 200</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>There are currently 63 Sponsors who are hosting Ukrainian refugees making them eligible for this top up payment.</p> <p>This has been a successful scheme, utilising the Homes for Ukraine tariff and has undoubtedly contributed to no Ukrainians presenting as homeless in Sefton. Sefton is one of only 10 local authority areas in England where no homeless applications have been received from Ukrainians in their borough.”</p>	Guests	Rate	1	£ 75	2	£ 100	3	£ 125	4	£ 150	5	£ 175	6+	£ 200
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