

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**21 May 2024**

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**Item 16 - Members' Questions**

**From Cllr David Vigar – Trowbridge Grove Division**

**To Cllr Richard Clewer – Leader of the Council**

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**Question (24-02)**

How many Ukrainian individuals and households are now living in Wiltshire under the Homes for Ukraine programme, according to the figures held by the Council?

**Response**

1672 individuals have come to Wiltshire to date. Of those, 412 have returned to Ukraine/ travelled to another country.  
381 guests remain in sponsorships.

**Question (24-03)**

How many Ukrainian households have progressed from a sponsorship arrangement into rented accommodation in Wiltshire?

**Response**

670 guests are in independent accommodation (private accommodation or social housing)

**Question (24-04)**

How much has the Council now received from central Government as a result of the 'tariff' payments of £10,500 per Ukrainian in 2022 and £5,900 since 1 January 2023?

**Response**

We have received £14,698,575. However, we are due to repay £463,500 due to data cleansing.

**Question (24-05)**

How much of that tariff funding has been spent?

**Response**

As of 31/3/24, £3,038,334.32 has been spent.

**Question (24-06)**

What have been the top three uses of the tariff funding in Wiltshire?

**Response**

Staffing  
Council tax reduction scheme  
Transport for schools

Note: house purchase prices have not been included at this time.

**Question (24-07)**

In November 2022, the Council said that some of the Government funding would be used to enable the Stone Circle Housing Company to purchase homes that can be used for Ukraine nationals now and for wider use into the future. How many homes have been purchased by Stone Circle for this purpose?

**Response**

No homes have been purchased via Stone Circle, but we are utilising the grant funding to purchase Ukraine homes that will form part of the HRA stock, of which 4 properties are in the acquisition process and 5 properties have been identified and are in the negotiation stage. These are not currently reflected in the budget.

LAHF properties are not part of the H4U budget.

**Question (24-08)**

How many caseworkers is the Council now employing to support Ukrainian refugees as members of the Refugee Resettlement & Migration Service team?

**Response**

9 Caseworkers  
1 Senior Caseworker  
2 Development Officers  
1 Assistant Team Manager

**Question (24-09)**

How many caseworkers is the Council now employing to support Ukrainian refugees in finding independent housing?

**Response**

In addition to the 9 caseworkers listed above, Ukrainians are also supported by 2 specialist officers within the housing teams. There is also a current vacancy for an additional specific post to support with access to the private sector.

**Question (24-10)**

How many caseworkers is the Council now employing to support Ukrainian refugees in finding employment?

**Response**

In addition to the 9 caseworkers within the H4U team, we also employ one employment specific officer.