

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 18 – Members’ Questions

From Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, Corsham Ladbrook

**To Councillor Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Development Control,
Strategic Planning, Finance, Procurement and Commissioning**

Question (22-11)

- a) How much money has been provided to Wiltshire Council to support Ukrainian refugees?
- b) Where does this appear in the budget?
- c) How much has been expended?
- d) Since a lot of the work to house them was done by existing staff volunteering to change departments, has this money been reallocated to the supporting departments e.g. highways

Response:

- a) To date £5.9m of grant funding from government has been received by the Council to support Ukrainian refugees, paid at a rate of £10,500 per person to enable councils to provide support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into local communities.
- b) The grant funding and associated expenditure appears within the service line titled Whole Life Pathway, and is separately ring-fenced in a specific budget code for Homes for Ukraine.
- c) To date £1.1m of external costs have been spent but further internal costs such as staffing costs are being assessed and will be funded by the grant.
- d) Analysis is underway to identify the cost of staff supporting the Ukrainian Refugee support work and that will be funded from the grant.