

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**31 January 2023**

**Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation and Questions from Councillors**

**Questions from: Celia Beckett, on behalf of the Hilperton Area Action Group**

**To: Cllr Nick Botterill - Cabinet Member for Finance,  
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

**Question 1 (22-323)**

**Local Plan Review** - In the transport review prepared by Atkins for the Local Plan Review in 2021 it states that:

“the requirement has been identified for a Staverton Bypass to mitigate the impacts of additional traffic at this pinchpoint on the network. (at the river crossing). This scheme, which forms a viaduct across floodplain, is the subject of a development funding bid for Local Levy Fund through Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee”

As the previous land earmarked for a bypass was built on some 20 years ago, this proposed bypass can only partially alleviate the traffic problems in Staverton.

Please can the Council advise us on the outcome of the funding bid and if the plan for this bypass is achievable. If so, how the continuing traffic difficulties would be alleviated both in the immediate term and if the option for development proposed in the Local plan to the NE of Trowbridge in Staverton and Hilperton Marsh goes ahead?

**Response**

The funding bid was successful. We received £37,662 of local levy funding. This money has been used for further scheme development and to investigate the potential of a partnership scheme with the Environment Agency (EA). Discussions are taking place with EA about whether there is potential for a further funding bid for Flood Defence Grant in Aid.

The traffic issues and constraints through Staverton are acknowledged and will be a significant factor in determining the level and location of planned growth in the area. As part of the Local Plan review, the Council will have to be sure that any associated infrastructure is viable and deliverable.

The Local Plan Review is still being developed. Detailed access and infrastructure improvements required to support proposed allocations will be made available once the draft plan and its evidence is complete. This will be brought to Cabinet and

Council for approval later this year, before it is formally published, and public consultation undertaken.

**Question 2 (22-324)**

The proposal to build on the Marsh Farm (site 5) will require access roads to and from an unclassified road, which is totally unsuited to a huge increase in volume of traffic.

What infrastructure improvements are planned to overcome the unsuitability of the access to this site?

**Response**

The Local Plan Review is still being developed. Detailed access and infrastructure improvements required to support proposed allocations will be made available once the draft plan and its evidence is complete. This will be brought to Cabinet and Council for approval later this year, before it is formally published, and public consultation undertaken.

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**Questions from: Kevin Perrett, on behalf of Staverton Parish Council**

**To: Cllr Nick Botterill - Cabinet Member for Finance,  
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

#### **Question 1 (22-325)**

Traffic passing through Staverton has been too much for the local highway infrastructure for many years. In recent times this has been worsened by an increasing volume of traffic, particularly the number of heavy goods vehicles using the B3105 because of weight limits imposed on the Bradford on Avon town bridge and Cleveland Bridge in Bath. The condition of the road is deteriorating further with the B3105 causeway across Staverton meadows in need of re-engineering and other areas breaking up and being beyond temporary repair. The three bridges on the route across the River Avon, railway and canal were not built for such heavy traffic and are vulnerable to ongoing repair. Heavy rain in winter leads to the B3105 and B3106 being closed due to severe flooding. Life for many residents along this route is already intolerable due to vibration and noise from heavy traffic. Additionally pedestrians along the route are in danger from traffic due to the narrow pavement.

Wiltshire Council's proposed development on sites 4 and 5 in Staverton and Hilperton Marsh as part of the Trowbridge Local Plan Review would lead to a huge increase in the number of vehicles using these roads. The additional 2600 homes will increase the traffic and congestion considerably, particularly at peak times with new residents commuting for work or education in west and north Wiltshire, plus further afield to Bath and Bristol.

The proposed construction is on green fields which already flood during heavy rainfall and often remain flooded for many weeks. If construction goes ahead on these fields the excess water will lead to an increased local flood risk.

Can you please advise Staverton Parish Council how the current proposed plan is viable and what additional highways infrastructure construction opportunities have been identified to help Wiltshire Council protect current and future local residents should the plan go ahead for development on sites 4 and 5.

#### **Response**

The Local Plan Review is still being developed. In identifying sites for allocation consideration is given to many different factors including flood risk and impacts on roads. The proposed allocations and associated infrastructure requirements will be made available once the draft plan and its evidence, including viability appraisal, is

complete. This will be brought to Cabinet and Council for approval later this year, before it is formally published, and public consultation undertaken.

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### **Agenda Item 6 – Wiltshire Council's Budget 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24-2025/26**

**Questions from: Colin Gale - Chairman, Rushall Parish Council**

**To: Cllr Ashley O'Neill - Cabinet Member for Governance, IT, Broadband, Digital, Licensing, Staffing, Communities and Area Boards**

### **Statement**

**RE: Town and Parish Council Four-Yearly Election Cycle Costs**

References:

- A. Wiltshire Council email Director Legal and Governance/Monitoring Officer dated 9th January 2023
- B. Rushall PC letter of objection dated 29th January 2021.

Rushall Parish Council (RPC) strongly object to Wiltshire Councils declared intent to introduce the recovery of costs from Town and Parish Councils for the local elections starting in May 2025, reference A. This is a resurrection of Wiltshire Councils previous declaration of intent declared in 2021 which was subsequently withdrawn following parish complaints, reference B.

This item is a 'Key Decision', as this change is not financially neutral as there will be a financial reduction to Wiltshire Council, a financial increase to the Town /Parish Councils and new financial costs to Wiltshire Council to invoice and recover the costs from the Town/Parish Councils. RPC would have expected that a decision of this nature would have warranted consultation?

It is not clear from the costs identified in the email how much RPC might be expected to pay for their parish element of the overall elections as there are only indicative costs for uncontested elections and contested elections. It is also highlighted that these indicative costs are subject to inflation when implemented in 2025. The indicative costs are further caveated because of the inability to predict the number of elections that may be held in any 4 year period.

RPC is a small parish and assuming worst case these costs could represent as much as 14% plus of the current parish precept if applied to one year. The email recognizes the financial impact on smaller parishes and the need to smooth the financial impact but Wiltshire Council has let this issue drift for 2 years since the original declaration in January 2021. It should be noted that precept budgets have already been set for 2023/24 by the time this notification was sent by Wiltshire

Council. Offering to smooth the impact post 2025 puts parishes always on the back-foot with respect to planning for subsequent elections.

### **Question 1 (22-326)**

Since this is a 'Key Decision' why has there not been any consultation with the Town, City and Parish Councils and can Wiltshire Council confirm that consultation is a requirement? Also note there has been no discussion/consultation via the Area Boards.

### **Response**

Cabinet is not making a decision in respect of any fees and charges at its meeting on 31 January 2023. It will be determining what will be recommended for Full Council to decide on 21 February 2023.

In any case this decision would not fit the criteria required for a "key" decision, which is as follows:

1. Any decision which would result in the closure of an amenity or total withdrawal of a service;
2. Any restriction of service greater than 5 per cent measured by reference to current expenditure or hours of availability to the public;
3. Any action incurring expenditure or producing savings greater than 20 per cent of budget service areas against which the budget is determined by Full Council;
4. Any decision in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations (Part 9), involving financial expenditure of £500,000 or above, with the exception of operational expenditure by the Chief Executive identified within the approved budget and policy framework;
5. Any proposal to change the policy framework;
6. Any proposal which would have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions;
7. Any contract (or programme) which:
  - exceeds an annual value of £1 million or the total contract value exceeds £4 million including any optional extension period;
  - involves the transfer of 50 or more employees in or out of the council; or
  - relates to a matter which is commercially, politically sensitive.

It is not considered that the proposal, which would also not come into effect until 2025, would meet those criteria even were it a Cabinet decision. There is no statutory requirement for consultation regarding this recommendation to Council. However, Town, City and Parish councils were briefed via their clerks by the Monitoring Officer in November 2022 and feedback welcomed. The Monitoring Officer subsequently wrote to all councils and invited questions in early January. The

Council has responded to a number of queries on this issue. As the actual decision about the recovery of costs will not be made until February 2025, there remains a significant period of time for additional commentary and amendments to be made if necessary. At this stage the Council is indicating a future years budget decision in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Although there is no requirement to do so, there is in fact a considerable “consultation” period for parishes to provide comments on the proposal for us to consider.

### **Question 2 (22-327)**

If it is agreed that these charges go ahead, is it not possible to improve on the cost estimates based on small, medium and large parishes to give parishes improved cost estimates?

### **Response**

The cost estimates that we have provided are indicative and follow a fair methodology which should assist with precept setting. We are aware that they may increase due to external costs beyond our control, such as Royal Mail postage, printing costs and premises hire. We also do not know as yet the extent of additional costs which will flow from the introduction of the Elections Act 2022, which introduces requirements, for example, for voter identification. We are more than happy to agree arrangements for the payment of election costs, to smooth the impact and allow appropriate financial planning. This could include extending the time to pay the costs past 2025, to say 2027, if that would be helpful.

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**Questions from: Colin Gale - Vice Chairman Pewsey Community Area Partnership**

**To: Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene and Flooding**

**Question 1 (22-328)**

A saving proposal line item is identified to 'Maximise use of Rural Mobility Fund' with savings identified in 3 years. There is no further detail explaining this saving etc. The Rural Mobility Fund is a Government grant that has been awarded for Demand Responsive Transport in the Pewsey Community Area. Please can an explanation and details be provided for these proposed savings?

**Response**

By expanding the geographical area for the proposed DRT scheme using the RMT funds, Wiltshire Council can replace a more traditional bus service with a DRT operation and therefore secure a saving.



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**Questions from: Dr Jimmy Walker**

**To: Cllr Caroline Thomas Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene and Flooding**

#### **Statement**

I would like to congratulate Cllr Thomas on her appointment to the position of Portfolio Holder for Transport and thank her for her work on campaigning for cycleways in her local constituency.

May I also congratulate Wiltshire Council who, along with representatives of South Western Railway (SWR), Wiltshire College and University Centre and Co Bikes were at Salisbury station to launch the station's new cycle hub, which is the first phase of forecourt improvements part-funded by SWR through their Customer and Communities Improvement Fund.

It is fantastic news that SWR is working to increase sustainable onward travel options at its stations and this new £360,000 addition to the station is an example of the growing number of convenient green options for transport across the SWR network, especially in the West of England.

Working to offer opportunities for imaginative partnerships that can help to reduce the number of unnecessary car journeys is important to Wiltshire Council and SWR and so we are delighted pleased that Wiltshire College and University Centre plan to instal a Co Bikes docking station at its Salisbury Campus to improve the green travel offer for students and staff arriving at the station.

Such a facility at Salisbury station will provide major benefits for active travel to and from the station.

We hope that the first of many ebike hubs across Salisbury and the surrounding area to link up with the station as the bikes can only be left at an ebike charging hub.

Ebikes offer users the opportunity to travel faster and further than they would normally. Many cities are finding that ebikes are offering a choice to car users to leave the car at home as the bike provides a time and cost effective alternative to the motor car.

At a time when the cost of living is impacting on all of us encouraging residents to take up active travel modes including walking and cycling can provide cost effective travel options for distance of 5-10km. Ebikes provide an ability to extend this distance from 10-20km enabling outlying residents to gain entry to our cities.

Fundamentally this is about increasing footfall in the city centres, which translates into more people and increased income for our traders.

#### **Question 1 (22-329)**

What plans do Wiltshire Council have to implement additional ebike hubs in the city and where and when will these be implemented?

## **Response**

The initial plan is to purchase 30 bikes and install 3 additional e-bike hubs in the city centre. The timescale will depend on securing government funding to implement the scheme.

## **Question 2 (22-330)**

Many cities have demonstrated that student populations favour using bikes for transport and therefore it is very encouraging that Wiltshire College and University Centre are planning to install a Co Bikes docking station at its Salisbury Campus. That will make two co-bikes docking stations in the city.

What route will you be advising students to take between the campus and the railway station?

## **Response**

The LCWIP sets out a network of walking and cycle routes that will allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely around Salisbury. However, the plan has yet to be delivered and the proposed walking and cycle routes that connect key hubs and destinations are not yet all on the ground. The LCWIP for Salisbury will enable the council to bid for funding to deliver the cycling infrastructure that is needed to implement the LCWIP.

As it currently stands the advised route would be:

- Cross A36 via the existing signalled controlled facility outside of the campus
- Through Churchill Gardens (existing shared use path)
- St Nicholas Road (quiet street)
- De Vaux Place (quiet street)
- Salisbury Cathedral Close (low traffic area subject to nominal 10mph speed limit)
- High Street (within the Salisbury City Centre 20mph Zone – 20mph speed limits are considered cycle friendly)
- Crane Street, Crane Bridge Road, Mill Road (all within the Salisbury City Centre 20mph Zone and subject to traffic calming features)
- Join the recently constructed shared use path running between Mill Road and the entrance to the Railway Station.

This route outlined above could be undertaken in reverse to travel to the campus.

## **Question 3 (22-331)**

What plans do you have in the LCWIP to ensure safe cycle routes are provided and built to LTN1/20 standards between the campus and the railway station.

## **Response**

The LCWIP sets out the routes where there is a high propensity for walking and cycling, and, where possible, identifies a tentative scheme solution and a basic cost

estimate. However, it is necessary to undertake engineering design work to identify the required LTN1/20 compliant infrastructure for each route. It is hoped that the council will secure funding from Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 (ATF4) to enable this to be done.

#### **Question 4 (22-332)**

Active Travel England will make several ambitious announcements this year to give people more choices in how they travel. The first of these announcements was the allocation of a £32.9 Million Capability Fund to train experts to deliver on the Department for Transport's pledge to increase the number of people walking and cycling.

Can Cllr Thomas clarify whether Wiltshire council were awarded any funding from the capability fund or whether Wiltshire council once again failed to attract funding to the detriment of our residents and town centres?

#### **Response**

The council has been awarded £183,110 from Active Travel England's Capability Fund.

#### **Question 5 (22-333)**

Our streets are used by everyone, so they should be designed with everyone in mind, particularly with pedestrians as the highest priority followed by those that cycle and then those that use public transport.

Thus far Wiltshire Council have failed to attract any monies from Active Travel England and in fact WC were awarded £0.00 in tranche 3 of the ATE funding. In comparison to many other councils WC is beginning to look like an outlier in its failure to take a positive approach to active travel.

It is likely that Tranche 4 bids will be due at the end of February 2023 and this provides an opportunity for WC to bid for and be allocated £Millions for investment in our towns and city for walking and cycling infrastructure built to LTN 1/20 standards. Can Cllr Thomas provide Wiltshire residents with the assurance that she is committed to applying for funding from Active Travel England Tranche 4 funds to ensure that Wiltshire Council achieves its ambitions to reduce congestion, pollution and provide safe infrastructure to enable greater number of residents to walk and cycle for everyday journeys within our cities.

#### **Response**

Yes, the council will be applying to Active Travel England for funding from Tranche 4 of the Active Travel Fund (ATF4).

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**Questions from: Cllr David Vigar, Trowbridge Grove**

**To: Cllr Richard Clewer Leader of the Council and Cabinet  
Member for Economic Development, Military-Civilian  
Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing**

**Status of Homes for Ukraine programme in Wiltshire**

**Question 1 (22-334)**

How many Ukrainian individuals and families are now living in Wiltshire under the Homes for Ukraine programme?

**Response**

“living in Wiltshire under the Homes for Ukraine programme” means guests who are living with sponsors and not in independent accommodation, there are 820 individuals in 358 family units in sponsor households in Wiltshire.

**Question 2 (22-335)**

How many Wiltshire sponsors have ended their hosting arrangements?

**Response**

We do not specifically record sponsors who have ended their hosting arrangements, we record guests who have left sponsor households, which does include those whose sponsor did not explicitly end the arrangement.  
503 individuals in 231 family units are no longer in sponsorship arrangements.

**Question 3 (22-336)**

How many Ukrainian households have been found new hosts by Wiltshire Council following the end of a sponsorship?

**Response**

107 individuals in 53 family units have been found new hosts.

**Question 4 (22-337)**

How many Ukrainian households are now being accommodated by the Council after becoming homeless?

**Response**

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**Question 5 (22-338)**

Does the Council know how many Ukrainian households have progressed from a sponsorship into rented accommodation in Wiltshire?

**Response**

281 individuals in 122 family units have progressed into rented accommodation in Wiltshire.

**Question 6 (22-339)**

How many Ukrainian families have benefitted from the WiltsLet programme to guarantee deposits and pay one month's rent in advance?

**Response**

There were 7 families who were threatened with homelessness and who secured funding through the wilts let scheme as they had no savings.

**Question 7 (22-340)**

How much has the Council now received from central Government as a result of the 'tariff' payments of £10,500 per Ukrainian?

**Response**

We have received to date £11.459m from central government as at the end Dec 2022.

**Question 8 (22-341)**

How much of that tariff funding has been spent?

**Response:** As at the end of December £1.821m has been spent. There is further spend expected and committed for 2022/23 and also for 2023/24, as government have confirmed the monies can be rolled forward into the next financial year. The funding is ring-fenced and it is assumed that any unspent monies will be repaid to the minister.

## **Support for private rentals by Ukrainians**

### **Question 9 (22-342)**

Has the Council recruited the dedicated worker to work with sponsors and Ukrainian families on the options available in the private rented sector as planned?

#### **Response**

This post has been advertised 4 times but sadly the post has not attracted any suitable candidates. The post is now on an ongoing advert until December 2023.

### **Question 10 (22-343)**

One Homes for Ukraine sponsor said: "I think that the main issue that the Council needs to face up to is producing a plan to pilot our guests on to moving into rented accommodation near to the schools that their children are attending. This way they can look forward to starting an independent life when they feel ready for it." Do you agree?

#### **Response**

No.

### **Question 11 (22-344)**

Many Ukrainians are now seeking to move into rented property but in some cases will not have sufficient income as owners typically require tenants to earn 2.5 times their rent - which is £2,500 per month when renting an average two-bedroom home in Wiltshire for around £1,000. However, when wages, Universal Credit, including the housing payment, and child benefit are taken into account, families may have income that comes very close to the required level. Using £1m alone of the tariff funding to provide rent support payments averaging £250 per month or £3,000 per year might enable more than 300 Ukrainian households to afford a private rental and achieve independent living for a year – with no delay – and alongside other uses of the funding. Does this not provide a timely way to use some of the tariff funding to assist a significant number of the refugees that it is intended to help?

#### **Response**

No, it creates a short term solution but a much bigger longer term problem.

### **Question 12 (22-345)**

Given hosts are paid a £350 'thank you' payment per month by the Government, rising to £500 after one year, would you consider using the tariff funding to make a £350 per month 'thank you' payment to property owners who rent properties to Ukrainian families as an alternative means of supporting rentals?

## **Response**

No.

### **Question 13 (22-346)**

Will the Council act as a guarantor for Ukrainian families' rentals? If not, can you please explain why?

## **Response**

Wiltshire Council is exploring the legalities and logistics to understand if this is viable. However, updated guidance has recently been published relating to this area so we are reviewing this guidance and will develop plans as appropriate.

### **Question 14 (22-347)**

Has the Council made any Discretionary Housing Payments to Ukrainian households?

## **Response**

DHP does not record applicants' nationality.

### **Question 15 (22-348)**

Does the Council regard the Discretionary Housing Payments as a potential route for Ukrainian families to gain help with short-term rental costs?

## **Response**

Only if they are receipt of the housing element of universal credit and meet other criteria.

## **Support for Ukrainians seeking work**

### **Question 16 (22-349)**

For many Ukrainians, a key barrier to earning sufficient money to rent a property is finding jobs that use their qualifications and experience but can also be performed with their level of English language competence. Professional careers guidance can help them identify opportunities. However, I understand that neither the Building Bridges service nor Work Wiltshire are currently taking on new adult referrals. In November you suggested that the Council might consider employing a dedicated case worker to help with employment. Given the importance of the issue, are you going ahead with this recruitment?

## **Response**

Community First Lead on Building Bridges and additional funding has been secured to continue the programme from April 2023. They are still taking registrations of

interest through their website, although direct delivery to participants is not taking place currently.

Work Wiltshire has not previously delivered careers education information advice and guidance to adults, but FACL (Family and Community Learning) provide this as part of their adult learning courses which includes ESOL and employability. The Post 16 Participation Team continue to support any 16-18 (yrs 12/13) from Ukraine as part of their business-as-usual support to those Not in Employment Education Training and track that cohort.

From a Wiltshire Council perspective, no decision has been made to recruit a dedicated case worker to support with recruitment.

### **Question 17 (22-350)**

How is the council making use of its network and influence in the business community to help find employment for the refugees?

### **Response**

Wiltshire Council is currently exploring how to best support guests into suitable employment. The Family and Community Learning team have developed ESOL courses to support our learners to develop the language skills that they need for work, life and further study. Our ESOL courses embed employability skills, with our beginner-level Life in the UK course supporting learners to develop the communication skills for living in the UK, such as using public transport, accessing health services and looking for work. These English skills are developed further through our online intermediate and higher courses – our higher course has a particular focus on the spoken and written English skills needed for the workplace. We also offer courses which develop specific employability skills such as supporting learning in schools with our Working in Schools course, as well as Customer Service and Food Safety courses planned in conjunction with the Job Centre Plus.

### **Counselling**

### **Question 18 (22-351)**

Ukrainians appreciate the services being provided by the Council's H4U team, such as English lessons and placement support. Is it possible also to consider funding some counselling to meet the mental health needs of guests? These needs arise from issues such as: direct experience of the war; ongoing anxiety over friends and family in Ukraine; and challenges faced by children and teenagers in adjusting to life in a new country. Hosts have reported that this is a growing problem as the war extends and becomes more attritional. It is beyond the competence of typical sponsors to address this area of need and they would welcome a "one stop" source of counselling support.



## **Response**

We work closely with our partners, and we are currently exploring what provision may be appropriate.

## **Purchase of homes for Ukrainians**

### **Question 19 (22-352)**

How many homes have been bought for use by Ukrainian refugees by the Stone Circle Housing Company?

## **Response**

Stone Circle are acquiring homes as per their approved Business Plan. The Council are funding some of the acquisitions through an application of the Homes for Ukraine funding. The council also has nomination rights and therefore has the ability to place families in those homes. Currently no Ukrainian families have been placed in Stone Circle homes.

### **Question 20 (22-353)**

Do you have an estimate of how many homes will be bought by Stone Circle for Ukrainians and by when?

## **Response**

The Council is awaiting the submission of Stone Circle's business plan for 2023/24, within that there is an expectation of setting out how many homes will be acquired through the application and use of the Homes for Ukrainian funding.

### **Question 21 (22-354)**

Will they be used as emergency accommodation, where families pay no rent?

## **Response**

No.

### **Question 22 (22-355)**

Is it intended that the homes bought by Stone Circle for use by Ukrainian households will be more affordable than those in the private sector?

## **Response**

Yes.

**Question 23 (22-356)**

Can you indicate the level of rent that Stone Circle will charge as a percentage of the market level?

**Response**

The level of rent will be commensurate with the financial parameters that Stone Circle submit within their business plan. The current business plan assumes rent at Local Housing Allowance plus 10%.

**Question 24 (22-357)**

Do you expect homes to be bought by Stone Circle to be spread across Wiltshire or concentrated in major settlements such as Chippenham, Trowbridge and Salisbury? If the latter, will their use not lead to children having to change school?

**Response**

This detail will be contained in the Stone Circle business plan submission but will be predicated on market forces and availability. The request was to acquire homes across the County.

**Question 25 (22-358)**

If, as you suggested in November, £5m of the tariff funding were to be used to support the purchase of £25m worth of homes, then assuming an average price of £200,000, 125 homes might be bought, providing accommodation for 125 Ukrainian households. However, as of November there were more than 300 Ukrainian families in Wiltshire. Do you agree that the policy of buying homes for Ukrainians can therefore only benefit a minority of the refugees in the county, and only deliver a benefit once they have been purchased? If you do not believe this is the case, can you please explain the reasoning?

**Response**

Many Ukrainians will be able to secure private rental accommodation without additional support. We need to provide support to those who are not able to access this.

**Question 26 (22-359)**

Doesn't spending such a large share of the tariff in this way imply an over-optimistic assumption that most Ukrainians will not need any form of housing support, while a minority enjoy bespoke social housing?

**Response**

No

**Question 27 (22-360)**

Do you agree that using the money provided by central Government to buy property will over the long-term be likely to benefit more non-Ukrainians than Ukrainians unless a large number of refugees choose both to remain the UK and seek citizenship and to remain in rented property?

**Response**

No.