

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 6 – Public Participation

From Felicity Courage

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

Question P23-06

Considering the Government have stated that supporting Ukrainian guests into 'secure, safe, and sustainable accommodation' is a priority for using the money that has been given to Wiltshire Council to assist Ukrainian refugees, and as it has identified 'deposits, rent advances, rent top ups or furniture' as potential uses of the £10,500 per refugee provided to councils, will the council acknowledge that secure housing is a current, urgent and very real need for this community, and provide first months rent, deposits and, more importantly, guarantorship to help Ukrainian guests into the private rental sector.

Response

We are reviewing the recent guidance from government and will share the outcome of this in due course.