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#### **Request:**

1. Please let me know if the council has ever leased any properties from third parties on behalf of refugees?

Yes

2. Please let me know how many the council leased in financial years 2022/2023 & 2023/2024, and how many it currently leases as of picking up this request.

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3. Has the council ever been granted funds from any government schemes in order to assist refugees? (For example; UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), Ukraine Family Scheme, Homes for Ukraine, and/or any other). Please name any and all schemes.

Yes- Below are Grants received since April 2021

- Homes for Ukraine Scheme Main Funding (Excludes Education & Child Care Funding)
- Homes for Ukraine Education and Child Care Funding
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)
- Afghan Refugee Support
- Syrian Refugee Support
- Asylum Dispersal Grant
- 4. Please let me know how much the council has received from such government schemes year-by-year since the financial year beginning April 2021

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Data provided below in each case from the first year it was received. 24/25 Funding is upto end of December 2024.

Please also note that the financial years show are when the funding has been received by the Local Authority.

# Homes for Ukraine Scheme - Main Funding (Excludes Education & Child Care Funding)

22/23 - £2,138,200 23/24 - £603,975 24/25 - £323,900

#### Homes for Ukraine - Education and Child Care Funding

22/23 - £648,239 23/24 - £750.00

### Unaccompanied Asulym Seeking Children (UASC)

21/22 - £220,697 22/23 - £965,033 23/24 - £1,294,616 24/25 - £70,456

### **Afghan Refugee Support**

22/23 - £168,225 23/24 - £156,033 24/25 - £211,750

## **Syrian Refugee Support**

21/22 - £420,600 22/23 - £178,750

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#### **Asylum Dispersal Grant**

23/24 - £318,000 24/25 - £613,250

# 5. Please let me know how much was spent through the council assisting refugees with housing, in the financial years 2022/2023 & 2023/2024

Some spend for assisting refugees with housing are part of wider budget/spend, which can't be split (i.e. staffing).

The following figures provided are all costs charged against Rent, which would be for Rent Deposits/Initial Rent Payments and Sponsor Thank-You Payments (Homes for Ukraine Scheme)

2022/23 - £343,371 2023/24 - £314,589