

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022  
title: HOMES FOR UKRAINE UPDATE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To update members about the current Homes for Ukraine position in the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To address the housing needs of all households in the borough.
- Corporate Priorities – Ensure the Council is a well -run and to make people's lives safer and healthier.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following on from the information item reported to Committee in June 2022 this is a summary of the current situation with the scheme.

## 3 UPDATE

3.1 Since the launch of the scheme in March 2022 there has been a very positive response from homeowners in the borough and to date we have 85 Ukrainian residents in the borough .

3.2 Please see the table below which sets out the numbers of sponsors in the borough and the number of guests. This is a table provided 2 weeks ago, it is a constantly increasing figure for all boroughs.

3.3 The Clitheroe Ukraine Support project continues to offer 3 weekly drop-in sessions at different venues in Clitheroe, these are well used and can see up to 20+ visitors at a daily session. They offer all kinds of support and assistance including English lessons, help with benefit claims, assistance with school places and general day to day support.

3.4 The Council's Homes for Ukraine Assistant is in post and working full time, spending part of the week at the support project and providing administrative support for all the schemes.

3.5 A welcome pool party was arranged at Ribblesdale pool to allow guests to meet, and an Independence Day reception is being hosted for the guests. All guests have received a pool pass to access the pool and the gym.

3.6 As families are settling in and finding employment, we are now looking to ensure all guests are given housing advice and assistance in preparation for their move on into settled accommodation.

- 3.7 DHLUC have just last week written out to all host families asking them to extend the offer of accommodation to 12 months as opposed to 6 months as was the initial ask. Other boroughs are reporting that only 25% of hosts are willing to host for this extended length of time. We have not yet heard from sponsors within the Borough as to whether they agree to this request.
- 3.8 We are working to ensure that all households are made aware of their housing options and to ensure they are fully informed about housing costs etc.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Note the contents of the information item .



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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

(If any)

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**HOMES FOR UKRAINE (LANCASHIRE)**

<b>Log</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Matched Guests</b>	<b>Arrived Guests</b>	<b>Sponsor Emails Sent</b>	<b>Sent to District</b>	<b>DBS Sent</b>	<b>Property Checks</b>	<b>Initial Home Visit</b>	<b>No. of Exits</b>
1	Burnley	25	68	40	24	24	33	21	37	5
2	Hyndburn	26	62	43	22	21	36	3	57	5
3	Pendle	35	82	71	34	34	67	21	64	6
4	Lancaster	85	184	121	83	77	77	60	142	12
5	Fylde	56	172	127	48	48	49	29	10	0
6	Wyre	44	94	72	41	40	41	21	19	8
7	Preston	52	126	85	43	50	60	38	80	5
8	Chorley	52	120	79	42	43	53	27	55	16
9	South Ribble	40	96	52	36	37	56	27	4	4
10	Ribble Valley	40	105	69	38	36	43	29	30	3
11	Rosendale	25	59	45	22	18	26	20	10	3
12	West Lancashire	47	133	110	44	42	52	30	47	7
13	Lancashire	527	1301	914	477	470	593	326	555	74