

Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday 18th May 2022
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: The Tenants' Hall, Tatton Park, Knutsford WA16 6QN

The agenda is divided into two parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

Mayor Making Ceremony

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Election of Mayor 2022/23**

To elect a Mayor for 2022/23, who will also act as Chairman of the Council.

4. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2022/23**

To appoint a Deputy Mayor for 2022/23, who will also act as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

5. **Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

6. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

Adjournment for Lunch and Reconvening of Meeting at 1.30 pm

Annual General Meeting

7. **Apologies for Absence**

8. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

9. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 April 2022.

10. **Election of Leader of the Council 2022/23** (Pages 13 - 16)

To elect a Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

11. **Election of Deputy Leader 2022/23** (Pages 17 - 20)

To elect a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

12. **Political Representation on the Council's Committees** (Pages 21 - 26)

To determine the political representation on the Council's Committees and to appoint those Committees.

13. **Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees of the Council**
(Pages 27 - 32)

To appoint the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Council's committees.

14. **Appointments to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority** (Pages 33 - 36)

To approve the appointments to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

15. **Appointments to the Adoption Panel and the Fostering Panel** (Pages 37 - 40)

To approve the appointments to the Adoption Panel and Fostering Panel.

16. **Approval of Absence from Council Meetings** (Pages 41 - 44)

To seek the approval of Council in respect of a Councillor's absence from Council meetings due to reasons of ill-health.

17. **Homes for Ukraine Schemes - Grant Funding** (Pages 45 - 50)

To approve a supplementary revenue estimate.

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council**
held on Wednesday, 27th April, 2022 in the Macclesfield Leisure Centre,
Priory Lane, Macclesfield, SK10 4AF

PRESENT

Councillor S Pochin (Mayor/Chair)
Councillor D Marren (Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair)

Councillors Q Abel, S Akers Smith, L Anderson, M Asquith, J Barber, M Benson, L Braithwaite, J Bratherton, S Brookfield, D Brown, C Browne, J Buckley, C Bulman, B Burkhill, P Butterill, S Carter, J Clowes, S Corcoran, L Crane, S Davies, T Dean, S Edgar, D Edwardes, H Faddes, A Farrall, JP Findlow, K Flavell, R Fletcher, A Gage, S Gardiner, L Gilbert, M Goldsmith, A Gregory, P Groves, S Handley, A Harewood, S Hogben, S Holland, M Houston, M Hunter, D Jefferay, L Jeuda, A Kolker, C Leach, I Macfarlane, N Mannion, A Moran, R Moreton, B Murphy, D Murphy, J Nicholas, K Parkinson, B Puddicombe, P Redstone, J Rhodes, L Roberts, M Sewart, L Smetham, J Smith, L Smith, D Stockton, A Stott, M Warren, J Weatherill, P Williams and J Wray

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Addison, R Bailey, M Beanland, G Hayes, B Evans, A Martin, C Naismith, J Parry, J Saunders, M Simon, L Wardlaw and N Wylie.

Apologies for absence had been offered by Councillors R Bailey and J Parry due to their agreed attendance as the Council's representatives at the meeting of the Cheshire Fire Authority. The Mayor thanked them for this.

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor reminded members of the dispensation within the Cheshire East Member Code of Conduct which allowed them to take part and vote on Community Governance Review matters in which they had disclosable pecuniary and prejudicial interests without having to declare an interest. Legal advice on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and attached to the minutes is a list of Cheshire East Borough Councillors to whom this advice applied as they were also Town or Parish Councillors.

In the interest of openness, the following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor S Carter declared he was an unpaid director of The Green in the Corner, a community interest company, which had been a recipient of the covid emergency grants referenced in the report for Item 10.

Councillor S Akers Smith declared she was the cycling and walking champion and had been working with town and parish councils to look at connectivity around the borough.

78 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

79 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, in summary

- 1 reported that on 11 March 2022 she had organised a vigil in Crewe, on behalf of the Council to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine. The Mayor thanked all those who had attended.
- 2 reported that 62 Ukraine refugees were now living with sponsors in Cheshire East and that a further 316 had applied for visas. A total of 130 sponsors had registered to offer a place in their homes to the refugees. The Council was putting together welcome packs, carrying out safeguarding checks to ensure accommodation was appropriate, and liaising with schools to make available school places, and with the NHS for health referrals. The Fire Service had been installing free fire alarms, where necessary, in the sponsors' accommodation, and voluntary groups had been collecting donations.
- 3 referred to the bid for the Great British Railways HQ to be in Crewe, for which the shortlist would be announced in May, and reported that the Council had launched a media campaign and encouraged all to register their support by visiting the website <http://www.gbrcrewe.co.uk> and use the hashtag #HeartOfRail on social media.

80 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Councillor Ken Edwards, on behalf of Bollington Town Council and Bollington Civic Society, expressed his disappointment that the Community Governance Review report did not recommend the Town Council's proposal that the boundary between Bollington and Rainow be amended to include the settlement at Ingersley Vale within Bollington. He asked that the matter be reviewed as part of the next Cheshire East ward boundary review.

Councillor Vic Brown, on behalf of Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Parish Council spoke in support of the proposals for Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths joint parish and stated that the recommendations contained a clear and well justified community case for the retention of the present arrangements at least until the completion of the planned development of around 1000 houses over the next 5-7 years.

Councillor Linda Buchanan, on behalf of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, spoke in support of the recommendations proposed by the community governance review as it reflected the identity of the parish and community. She thanked all those who had been involved in the community governance review for listening to local residents.

Councillor Andy Lindsay, Chair of Brereton Parish Council, expressed his council's support for the proposals for Brereton, including the retention of Bluebell Green and Dunkirk Farm within the parish of Brereton.

Councillor Geoff Bell, Chair of Somerford Parish Council, expressed his council's support for the recommendations of the community governance review. The parish council had had sight of the proposals from Congleton Town Council that the boundary should be reconsidered and were opposed to this as no consultation had been carried out with residents in the parish on these proposals.

David McGifford, Chief Officer of Congleton Town Council, expressed the Town Council's view that the Town's boundary should be extended to the new link road, in line with the Local Plan Settlement Boundary and Congleton Link Road Business Plan, and asked that the Council revert back to the proposals in the draft governance consultation plan.

Councillor Brian Bath, on behalf of Holmes Chapel Parish Council, stated that the parish council had publicly expressed their shock and dismay on the recommendations of the community governance review. He stated that there had been no discussion or debate on the issues raised. He felt that it was unacceptable that the majority of consultation had been done on-line and had not received formal responses or allowed opportunity for constructive debate with officers from Cheshire East Council. He stated that the boundary of Holmes Chapel should include the adjoining new residential developments. He asked that the Council reject the recommendations and request an independent review of all the facts.

81 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE:
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF TOWN AND PARISH
COUNCIL GOVERNANCE**

Consideration was given to the report on the Community Governance Review of Town and Parish Council Governance, which had been considered by the Community Governance Review Sub Committee on 4 April 2022 and the Corporate Policy Committee on 14 April 2022.

The recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee were moved and seconded and, during consideration of the matter, a motion without notice was proposed and seconded:-

“That where a speaker has spoken at the Community Governance Review Sub Committee, Corporate Policy Committee or Council in opposition to the proposals in the agenda pack, these be referred back to the Community Governance Review Sub Committee for further consideration.”

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for five minutes to allow consideration of the matter by the Monitoring Officer.

Following the adjournment, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that this was a valid motion to refer the matter to the sub-committee.

The Monitoring Officer advised that if the matter was referred back to the Community Governance Review Sub Committee it would have impact on the debate at the Council meeting. The whole review would have to be adjourned as the matter had to be concluded as a whole and not in separate parts. The matter would then have to come back to a future Council meeting and the delay could have consequential impact on things such as council tax, voters’ registration and the elections in 2023.

The motion without notice was debated and put to the vote and declared lost.

An amendment was moved and seconded:-

“Congleton Town boundary to revert back to the boundary changes that were proposed in the draft Community Governance Review Plan that was consulted upon in October 2021. The original plan was to extend the Congleton Town Boundary to the new Congleton Link Road which would incorporate the new housing and business development which are natural extensions to the Current town boundary.”

The amendment was debated and then put to the vote and declared lost.

Council then considered the substantive motion to approve the recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee.

RESOLVED:

That Council resolve that the recommendations made in the review of Community Governance, contained in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report, will ensure that

- A. the proposed community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in the Borough of Cheshire East; and

- B. the proposed community governance arrangements are effective and convenient

and that Council resolve, by order, to give effect to the recommendations.

82 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE: FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee, which had met on 14 April 2021, in relation to the First Annual Review of the Committee System.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1 note the comparative data and successful operation of the committee system to date, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2 agree the revisions to the Constitution, as set out in Appendices 2 to 4 to the report.
- 3 agree the future work to be undertaken, as set out in Part 3 of the report.
- 4 require a further review annual review report be made to the meeting scheduled to be held in July 2023.

83 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE: PROGRESS ON GOVERNANCE FOR THE INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee in relation to the governance for the Integrated Care System.

It was proposed that under Section 75 of the Health and Care Act 2006 a committee be established, with the NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, from 1 April 2022 to oversee and manage the Section 75 Better Care Fund Agreement and Plan.

The Integrated Care System arrangements continued to be developed and a number of issues were still to be resolved. It was important for the Council to monitor and review emerging details of governance arrangements, particularly those that related to scrutiny, which would be undertaken by the Adults and Health Committee and the Scrutiny Committee. These arrangements needed to be considered carefully by Members, including those on the Constitution Working Group, and by full Council in order to ensure that the Constitution was updated. This needed to be a responsive process and could not wait until the next annual review of the committee system in July 2023.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1 establish with NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, a Committee under Section 75 of the Health and Care Act 2006 from 1 April 2022, as set out in Section 13 of the report, to oversee and manage the Section 75 Better Care Fund Agreement and Plan.
- 2 delegate authority to the Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration, in consultation with the Director of Governance and Compliance, to agree and finalise the Terms of Reference of the Section 75 Committee.
- 3 appoint the Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration (or their nominated representative) to the S75 Committee.
- 4 delegate authority to making any consequential amendments to the Constitution to the Director of Governance and Compliance.

84 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: APPOINTMENTS**

The Audit and Governance Committee, at its meeting on 10 March 2022, had considered a report on the appointment of co-opted independent members to the Committee, and had recommended that Council appoint Mr Ron Jones as an independent member to the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years and appoint Ms Margaret Rathbone and Ms Margaret Smith to service as Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 4 years.

RESOLVED: That

- 1 Mr Ron Jones be appointed as an independent member to the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years.
- 2 Ms Margaret Rathbone and Ms Margaret Smith be appointed to serve as Independent Persons under the Localism Act for a period of 4 years.

85 **RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE: ALIGNING THE MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The Finance Sub Committee, at its meeting on 2 March 2022, had considered a report on the allocation of the approved budget to each of the service committees, and had made recommendations to full Council to approve supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000 which related to the Household Support Fund and the Business Rate Compensation Grant, as detailed in Appendix B Table C to the report,

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules, the supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000, as detailed in Appendix B Table C, be approved.

86 RECOMMENDATION FROM HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: POTHOLE FUND GRANT

The Highways and Transport Committee, at its meeting on 13 April 2022 , had considered a report on the capital and revenue budgets available for the highways service for 2022/23, and had made a recommendation to full Council to approve a supplementary capital estimate of £5.799m, which related to the Pothole Fund Grant, as detailed in paragraph 6.6.2 of the report.

RESOLVED:

That the supplementary capital estimate for the Pothole grant fund of £5.799m be approved.

87 REPORTING OF URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Council received a schedule of urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council, which were reported for information in accordance with the Council procedural rules.

RESOLVED:

That the schedule of urgent decisions be noted.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 2.42 pm

Councillor S Pochin
Chair/Mayor

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Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Election of Leader of the Council
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To secure a resolution of Council to elect a Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Constitution states that one of the functions of full Council is to elect the Leader of the Council. The role of the Leader of the Council is not a formal legal role, but he or she is, in practice, the political head of the Council.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. That Council elects a Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

4. Reason for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure that the Council elects a Leader.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 No other options considered.

6. Background

- 6.1 The Annual Meeting of Council is required to elect the Leader of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 6.2 The Councillor appointed will hold this office until:

- (a) The next Annual Meeting of the Council; or
- (b) The Leader resigns from the office; or
- (c) The Leader is no longer a Councillor; or
- (d) The Leader is removed from the office by resolution of the Council requiring a simple majority.

6.3 The role of the Leader of the Council is not a formal legal role, but he or she is in practice the political head of the Council, and the Member with greatest responsibility for driving forward the broad policies of the Council.

6.4 The Council expects that the Leader will:

- be the political (rather than ceremonial) leader of the Council, for the benefit of all the Borough's communities - its citizens, taxpayers, businesses, public bodies and other public authorities;
- lead and work with the Council, particularly the Chairs of its Committees and Sub-Committees, in the development of the Council's vision for the future, policy framework, budgets and strategies;
- lead and work with the Council, particularly the Chairs of its Committees and Sub-Committees, in overseeing service delivery and the implementation of policies approved by the Council;
- represent and pursue the interests of the Council in the community and at international, national and regional levels;
- act as Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee, fulfil the role of Leader at full Council meetings and carry out as necessary the other functions
- lead in providing policy direction and guidance to the Chief Executive and Chief Officers;
- meet regularly to progress the Council's objectives, with Committee Chairs, the Chief Executive and Chief Officers, Leaders of other political groups on the Council, partner organisations, stakeholders, community representatives, government representatives, local Members of Parliament etc.

3.5 The Leader shall be recognised in the following ways: -

- Chairing Corporate Policy Committee: the Leader shall be appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting as Chair of the Council's Corporate Committee.
- Right to attend and speak at any meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council, provided that he or she will only be entitled to vote if appointed as a voting member of that Committee or Sub-Committee.

- Duty to be available for Questions: permit any Member of the Council to ask questions of the Leader and Deputy Leader at full Council meetings.
- The establishment of policy direction and the Council's priorities and the facilitation of discussion thereon.
- To be principal ambassador for the Borough and the Council (recognising the role of the Mayor).
- To represent the Council on any external body, as considered appropriate, and to make decisions and vote on behalf of the Council at meetings of such bodies.
- Involvement in Major Emergencies: the Leader and Deputy Leader must be informed if an emergency is likely or has been declared under the Council's emergency planning or business continuity procedures.
- To promote and uphold high standards of ethical conduct by Members and the Council's equalities policies.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

7.1.1 As the Council operates a Committee system, the Leader has no formal legal powers and duties vested in him or her under the Local Government Act 1972 or the Local Government Act 2000.

7.1.2 However, in practice, all local authorities need to appoint a Leader and each Leader will hold the most significant elected Member role within the Council. The Council's Leader will be the political/elected head, the focus for policy direction and community development and the chief advocate and ambassador for the Borough.

7.2 Finance Implications

7.2.1 There are no direct financial implications. The position of Leader of the Council receives a special responsibly allowance.

7.2 Policy Implications

7.3.1 There are no direct policy implications.

7.4 Equality Implications

7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

7.5.1 There are no direct human resources implications.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

7.6.1 Failure to comply with legislation would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	Role of Leader and Deputy Leader



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Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Election of Deputy Leader of the Council
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To secure a resolution of Council to elect a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Constitution sets out in Chapter 3 Part 2 that one of the functions of full Council is to elect the Deputy Leader of the Council.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Council elects a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

4. Reason for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure that the Council elects a Deputy Leader.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 No other options considered.

6. Background

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Council is required to elect a Councillor to be the Deputy Leader of the Council for that municipal year.

- 6.2 The Councillor appointed will hold this office until:

(a) The next Annual Meeting of the Council; or

- (b) The Deputy Leader resigns from the office; or
- (c) The Deputy Leader is no longer a Councillor; or
- (d) The Deputy Leader is removed from the office by resolution of the Council.

- 6.3 The Deputy Leader may be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Corporate Policy Committee of the Council.
- 6.4 The Deputy Leader is empowered to act in place of the Leader.
- 6.5 The Deputy Leader is empowered to represent the Council on any external body, as agreed with the Leader, and to make decisions and vote on behalf of the Council at meetings of such bodies.
- 6.6 Involvement in Major Emergencies: the Leader and Deputy Leader must be informed if an emergency is likely or has been declared under the Council's emergency planning or business continuity procedures.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

- 7.1.1 When the Council operates a Committee system, the Deputy Leader has no formal legal powers and duties vested in him or her under the Local Government Act 1972 or the Local Government Act 2000.

7.2 Finance Implications

- 7.2.1 There are no direct financial implications. The position of Deputy Leader of the Council receives a special responsibly allowance.

7.3 Policy Implications

- 7.3.1 There are no direct financial implications.

7.4 Equality Implications

- 7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

- 7.5.1 There are no direct financial implications.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

- 7.6.1 Failure to comply with legislation would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	Role of Leader and Deputy Leader

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Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Political Representation on the Council's Committees
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To secure a resolution of Council to appoint the Council's committees and agree the political balance for those committees for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The law requires that each relevant Council decision making body must be politically balanced, as far as is reasonably practicable, and that there is an appropriate total balance of Committee seats across the political structure of the Council as a whole.
- 2.2 Appendix A to the report sets out the Council's Committees, which are to be appointed, and the political balance of those committees.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the committees set out in Appendix A to the report be appointed, with the same functions, roles and responsibilities as are currently set out in the Constitution; and that the political group and other representation, as set out in Appendix A and the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining this, as outlined in the report be adopted, and the allocation of places to Committees be approved.

4. Reason for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, made pursuant to the

Local Government and Housing Act 1989, in respect of the political group representation on a local authority's committees in relation to the overall political composition of the Council

5. Other options considered

5.1 No other options were considered.

6. Background

6.1 Appendix A sets out the Council's committees, and the political representation on committees, this being based on the political structure of the Council as a whole.

6.2 The proportionalities in the Appendix have been arrived at by the following methods and conventions:

- applying the relevant percentage to each body
- rounding up from 0.5 and above, and rounding down below 0.5
- where rounding up would result in more than one political Group receiving an additional seat, and the total allocation of seats exceeding what is required, the Group having the lowest residual entitlement will not receive an additional seat
- where the required number of members for a decision making body cannot be achieved using the above methods and calculations, the political group having the largest residual entitlement for that body will be entitled to be awarded the additional place (e.g. if one group is entitled to 4.25 places, and another group is entitled to 1.48 places, the first group will be awarded 4 places on the body in question, and the second group will be awarded 2 places)
- where two or more political Groups have an identical residual percentage, the agreement of one Group to sacrifice a seat will be observed. Alternatively, the matter will be resolved by the toss of a coin.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

7.1.1 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, made pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, make provisions in respect of the political group representation on a local authority's committees in relation to the overall political composition of the Council. The legislation applies to overview and scrutiny committees and the decision-making committees and sub committees of the Council.

7.1.2 The legislation requires that, where proportionality applies, and seats are allocated to different political groups, the authority must abide by the following principles, so far as is reasonably practicable:

7.1.3 Not all of the seats can be allocated to the same political Group (i.e. there are no single group committees).

7.1.4 The majority of the seats on the body are to be allocated to a political Group with a majority membership of the authority.

7.1.5 The total number of seats on all ordinary committees and sub committees allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.

7.1.6 The number of seats on each ordinary committee allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on full Council.

7.1.7 The proposals contained in this report meet the requirements of the legislation.

7.1.8 The 1990 Regulations require Political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Groups' nominations to the bodies in question.

7.2 Finance Implications

7.2.1 There are no direct finance implications.

7.3 Policy Implications

7.3.1 There are no direct implications for policy.

7.4 Equality Implications

7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

7.5.1 There are no direct human resource implications.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

7.6.1 Failure to comply with the Act and Regulations when appointing its committee memberships would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no direct climate change implications.

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Appendices:	Appendix A – Political Proportionalities
Background Papers:	None

APPENDIX A

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL - POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITIES ON ALL BODIES (other than those to be appointed on an ad-hoc basis)

Based upon the following:

Con:31; Lab:25; Ind:18; Lib Dem:4; R. Ind:2; NGI (non-Grouped independent Members):2

Committee	Con.	Lab.	Ind.	Lib. Dem.	R. Ind	NGI	Total Allocated
Scrutiny cttee	5	3	2	1	2	0	13
Corporate Policy cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Economy and Growth cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Highways and Transport cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Env. and Communities Cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Children and Families cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Adults and Health cttee	4	4	3	1	0	1	13
Finance Sub cttee	3	3	2	0	0	0	8
Audit and Governance Committee	4	3	2	0	0	0	9
Strategic Planning Board	5	4	2	0	1	0	12
Northern Planning Committee	5	3	3	0	0	1	12
Southern Planning Committee	5	4	3	0	0	0	12
Licensing Committee	4	4	3	1	1	2	15
Appointment cttee	3	3	2	0	0	0	8
Committee	Con.	Lab.	Ind.	Lib. Dem.	R. Ind	N.G.I	Total
Total Places allocated	63	51	37	8	4	4	167
Percentage entitlement	37.80	30.49	21.95	4.88	2.44	2.44	100%
Proportional Entitlement	63	51	37	8	4	4	167
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1.1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To allocate Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council's committees.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Constitution sets out in Chapter 3 Part 2 that one of the functions of full Council is to appoint the Chair and Vice Chairs to Committees.

2.2 This report sets out the nominations to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair to the Council's committees.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair be allocated, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 To allocate the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council's committees.

5 Other Options Considered

5.1 Not applicable.

6 Background

6.1 For the forthcoming Municipal Year there is a requirement that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each of the Council's decision-making body be allocated.

6.2 Appendix 1 to the report details the councillors allocated to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

7 Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

7.1.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council appoints the Council's decision-making and other bodies. It also determines the allocation of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of these bodies.

7.2 Finance Implications

7.2.1 Some of the listed Chairs and Vice-chairs attract a Special Responsibility Allowance, in accordance with the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

7.3 Policy Implications

7.3.1 There are no direct implications for policy.

7.4 Equality Implications

7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

7.5.1 There are no direct implications for Human Resources.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

7.6.1 Failure to comply with the requirements of the Constitution would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

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Background Papers:	None

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COMMITTEE CHAIR/VICE-CHAIRS 2022/23**SERVICE COMMITTEES**

CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE			
	Cllr S Corcoran (Chair)	Labour - Chair	
	Cllr A Stott (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	

ECONOMY & GROWTH COMMITTEE			
	Cllr N Mannion (Chair)	Labour - Chair	
	Cllr M Goldsmith (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			
	Cllr C Browne (Chair)	Independent – Chair	
	Cllr L Crane (Vice Chair)	Labour – VC	

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES			
	Cllr M Warren (Chair)	Independent – Chair	
	Cllr S Pochin (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	

CHILDREN & FAMILIES			
	Cllr K Flavell (Chair)	Labour – Chair	
	Cllr C Bulman (Vice Chair)	Labour – VC	

ADULTS & HEALTH			
	Cllr J Rhodes (Chair)	Labour – Chair	
	Cllr A Moran (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE			
	Cllr A Stott (Chair)	Independent – Chair	
	Cllr S Carter (Vice Chair)	Labour - VC	

OTHER COMMITTEES

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
	Cllr L Wardlaw (Chair)	Conservative – Chair	
	Cllr D Murphy (Vice Chair)	Liberal Democrat - VC	

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE			
	Cllr M Simon (Chair)	Conservative – Chair	
	Cllr J Nicholas (Vice Chair)	Independent - VC	

STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD			
	Cllr M Hunter (Chair)	Labour – Chair	
	Cllr S Gardiner (Vice Chair)	Conservative – VC	

NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE			
	Cllr J Nicholas (Chair)	Independent – Chair	
	Cllr L Braithwaite (Vice Chair)	Labour – VC	

SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE			
	Cllr A Kolker (Chair)	Conservative - Chair	
	Cllr S Pochin (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	

LICENSING COMMITTEE			
	Cllr D Edwardes (Chair)	Independent – Chair	
	Cllr J Wray (Vice Chair)	Conservative – VC	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE			
	Cllr C Bulman (Chair)	Labour - Chair	
	Cllr C Browne (Vice Chair)	Independent – VC	



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Council

Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Appointments to Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and to Cheshire Fire Authority
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report invites Council to make appointments to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority are bodies which carry out statutory functions and therefore the Council is required to make appointments to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Council is asked to appoint:-
- (a) three Councillors and a nominated substitute to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel;
 - (b) eight Councillors to Cheshire Fire Authority

4. Reasons for Recommendation/s

- 4.1 These bodies carry out statutory functions and appointments are needed to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 No other options considered.

6. Background

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

- 6.1 In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, each Police area must establish a Police and Crime Panel.
- 6.2 The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel comprises 10 Councillors appointed by the constituent Councils and the allocation of seats to Cheshire East Council is three. The Council is also requested to nominate a substitute Member.
- 6.3 The members for the 2021/22 municipal year were Councillors JP Findlow, L Jeuda and M Warren, together with Councillor D Murphy as the nominated substitute.

Cheshire Fire Authority

- 6.4 The Cheshire Fire Authority is the Combined Fire Authority of Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington Councils and it has a membership of 23: -
- Halton – 3 members
Warrington – 4 members
Cheshire West and Chester – 8 members
Cheshire East – 8 members
- 6.5 The members for the 2021/22 municipal year were Councillors R Bailey, M Beanland, D Brown, M Houston, N Mannion, R Moreton, J Nicholas and J Parry.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

- 7.1.1 There are no direct legal implications.

7.2 Finance Implications

- 7.2.1 There are no direct implications for finance.

7.3 Policy Implications

- 7.3.1 There are no direct implications for policy.

7.4 Equality Implications

- 7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

7.5.1 There are no direct implications for Human Resources.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

7.6.1 There are no direct risk management implications.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people/Care for Children.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

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Council

Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Appointments to the Adoption Panel and the Fostering Panel
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report invites Council to approve a number of appointments to Statutory Panels which do not fall within the definition of "Committee" for the purposes of legislation.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Adoption Panel and the Fostering Panel are bodies which carry out statutory functions and therefore the Council is required to make appointments to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 Council is asked to appoint:-
- (a) one Councillor to the Adoption Panel; and
 - (b) one Councillor to the Fostering Panel.

4. Reasons for Recommendation/s

- 4.1 These bodies carry out statutory functions and appointments are needed to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Background

6.1 As there are some organisations which do not fall within the category of being “outside organisations”, the members of which being appointed by other means. The Council needs to make such appointments as part of the annual Committee appointment process. The organisations are Statutory Panels which do not fall within the definition of “Committee.” These are:-

- Adoption Panel
- Fostering Panel

Adoption Panel

6.2 The Panel considers the suitability of anyone who applies to become an adopter, and whether or not to recommend that they are suitable to adopt; and also considers the placement of any child with a particular adopter. The Elected Member is a full member of the Panel and is defined as an ‘independent panel member’ by the Independent Review of Determinations (amendments) 2011. Under the performance objectives of the Panel, each member is asked to attend 75% of the meetings, which are currently held 6 weekly. In addition, each member is asked to attend any training events and induction events that are held at least annually and also to undergo an annual appraisal.

6.3 The role of the Adoption Panel and the appointment of Elected Members are governed by the Adoption Agency Regulations 2005 and the Adoption Agencies and Independent Review of Determinations (amendments) 2011, Adoption and Children Act 2002.

6.4 The Adoption Panel is made up of a central list and comprises of the following:

- Chair
- Medical Advisor
- Agency Members
- Social Workers (2)
- Elected Members (1)
- Independent Members (3)
- Additional Members (2)

6.5 Councillor B Puddicombe served on the Adoption Panel during the 2021/22 municipal year.

Fostering Panel

6.7 The establishment of fostering panels is laid down by the Fostering Service (England) Regulations 2011. Regulation 23(1) requires the fostering service to

provide a central list of persons considered to be suitable members of the Panel, similar to the Adoption Panel.

- 6.8 The Fostering Panel makes timely and appropriate recommendations in line with the overriding objective to promote the welfare of children in foster care. The Panel considers and advises on the suitability of persons who apply to be foster carers for children who are “cared for” by the local authority. It states what its recommendations are in respect of a particular child or children and clarifies whether the prospective carers matching considerations are to be for certain ages or categories of children.
- 6.9 It considers the continuing approval of foster carers following their annual carer’s review or other significant changes in their circumstances and advice on any other matters relating to the fostering service.
- 6.10 Councillor Carol Bulman served on the Adoption Panel during the 2021/22 municipal year.
- 6.11 As with the Adoption Panel, the Fostering Panel is administered by Cheshire East Children’s Services, and as such, is not an outside organisation.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

- 7.1.1 There are no direct legal implications.

7.2 Finance Implications

- 7.2.1 There are no direct implications for finance.

7.3 Policy Implications

- 7.3.1 There are no direct implications for policy.

7.4 Equality Implications

- 7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

- 7.5.1 There are no direct implications for Human Resources.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

- 7.6.1 There are no direct risk management implications.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

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Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Approval of absence from Council meetings
Report of:	David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance
Ward(s) Affected:	Leighton

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval from Council to extend the “six-month rule” with regard to a Councillor’s attendance at meetings.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The report seeks the approval of Council in respect of Councillor Byron Evans’ potential absence from Council meetings, for a period over six months, due to reasons of ill-health.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Council is asked to approve Councillor Byron Evans’ absence from Council meetings for a period of over six months, due to reasons of ill-health; such approval to apply until the date of the next local elections on 4 May 2023.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 Due to reasons of ill health, Councillor Byron Evans’ attendance at Council meetings cannot be guaranteed. Legislation states that, if a Council Member fails to attend Council meetings throughout a period of six consecutive months, he or she shall cease to be a member of the authority in question, unless such failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of the six-month period.
- 4.2 This report asks Council to formally approve Councillor Evans’ absence from all Council meetings due to reasons of ill health, and to agree that such approval will continue to have effect until the day of the local Council elections on 4 May 2023. This will ensure that Councillor Evans’ membership of the Council will continue.

5 Background

5.1 The authority of Council is required in order to ensure that an individual's membership of the authority doesn't inadvertently cease, in circumstances where they find themselves unable to attend a meeting for the period in question due to a reason beyond the individual's control.

6 Implications

6.1 Legal

6.1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that, if a member of a local authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority. If necessary, the authority may grant further approvals if the reason for non-attendance continues beyond the initially approved period.

6.2 Finance

6.2.1 No implications have been identified.

6.3 Policy

6.3.1 No implications have been identified.

6.4 Equality

6.4.1 No implications have been identified.

6.5 Human Resources

6.5.1 No implications have been identified.

6.6 Risk Management

6.6.1 No implications have been identified.

6.7 Rural Communities

6.7.1 No implications have been identified.

6.8 Children and Young People/Cared for Children

6.8.1 No implications have been identified.

6.9 Public Health

6.9.1 No implications have been identified.

6.10 Climate Change

6.10.1 No implications have been identified.

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Date of Meeting:	18 th May 2022
Report Title:	Homes for Ukraine Schemes – Grant Funding
Report of:	Helen Charlesworth-May Executive Director – Adults, Health and Integration
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report outlines the Homes for Ukraine scheme and what is expected of the Council. It outlines the funding allocations for Councils to resource these expectations and recommends that delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive Officer to receive the funding in a timely manner.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. To inform Full Council of the expectations on Local Authorities as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to accept funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, up to £12,600,000. This sum makes provision for up to 1,000 Ukrainian guests (£10,500 per individual) arriving and residing in 500 sponsor properties (a £4,200 thank you payment per annum per property).
- 2.2. The recommendation within this report demonstrates the following strategic priorities:
- A council which empowers and cares about people
 - Ensure that there is transparency in all aspects of council decision making.

3. Recommendations

That Council:

- 3.1. Approves a supplementary revenue estimate of up to £12,600,000 for the 2022/23 Financial Year; and
- 3.2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to accept up to £12,600,000 of grant funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- 3.3. Authorise the Chief Executive to take all other action, including the distribution of grant monies, as she deems necessary, to ensure that the grant funding can be properly administered

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1. To allow timely acceptance of grants for the Homes for Ukraine scheme to be appropriately resourced.

5. Other Options Considered

5.1.

Option	Impact	Risk
Not to delegate authority to receive funding	Resource implications due to timely funding provided	Medium

6. Background

- 6.1. National government has announced schemes to support Ukraine nationals escaping the war in Ukraine. There are two main schemes – the Ukrainian Family Scheme and Homes for Ukraine.
- 6.2. The Ukraine Family Scheme is open to allow Ukraine nationals to join family members in the UK or to extend their stay in the UK. People applying under this visa route must be applying to join/accompany a UK-based family member, be a Ukraine national (or the immediate family member of a Ukraine national applying to the scheme) and have been residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1st January 2022.
- 6.3. The Homes for Ukraine scheme is a sponsorship route to allow Ukrainians to join named sponsors in the UK. While, in the first phase of the scheme, the Ukraine ‘guest’ and sponsor must be known to each other, they do not have to be family members (family members are covered by the Ukrainian Family scheme). They could be friends, work colleagues, pen pals, or have been

introduced via a charity or other organisation. The sponsor will have committed to provide accommodation for a minimum of six months.

- 6.4. We do not know at this stage how many Ukrainian guests we can expect under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, but the borough has a proud tradition of supporting people escaping persecution and violence in their homelands. The council has previously played key roles through the asylum seeker dispersal programme, the Syrian vulnerable person resettlement programme and most recently, the Afghan relocations and assistance policy.
- 6.5. Expectations of Councils under the Homes for Ukraine scheme are as follows:
- Providing 'welcome' information and ongoing information about the scheme to both refugee and sponsor;
 - Safeguarding checks on accommodation and individuals, including disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks;
 - Arranging payments related to the scheme to refugees and sponsor households;
 - Managing school and early-years placements for children of Ukrainian families;
 - Working with primary health to make referrals to health services;
 - Managing data sharing across organisations;
 - Providing information about work and benefits; and
 - Supporting integration into the community and signposting to community support.
- 6.6. As at 4th May 2022, 174 sponsors in Cheshire East have volunteered properties to accommodate one or more refugees, with over 400 Ukraine nationals registered to come to the borough under the scheme. It is anticipated that these numbers will continue to change as the scheme progresses.
- 6.7. As the numbers of Ukraine guests is uncapped and Sponsor led it would be reasonable to expect up to 1000 guests in the coming weeks and therefore delegate the accepting of grants up to £12,600,000 is sought to facilitate timely assistance.
- 6.8. If the funding is forecast to exceed £12,600,000 further approvals from Council will be sought.

7. Implications

7.1. Legal

- 7.1.1. The Government has issued Homes for Ukraine: guidance for councils, which, it should be noted, does not remove councils' statutory duties or responsibilities.

7.1.2. The Department for Work and Pensions laid emergency regulations on 21st March 2022 so that those arriving in the UK from Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion can access Universal Credit and jobs support immediately. Ukraine nationals will also be eligible for Housing Benefit, Pension Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Child Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance, and Attendance Allowance. Contributions-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), and Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) are also available for those Ukraine nationals who meet the criteria.

7.1.3. From the Constitution: Chapter 3 Part 3

Policy Framework – In-year Changes

Changes (including modifications, revisions, variations, withdrawal or revocation) to Policy Framework plans or strategies must ordinarily be approved by the Council.

7.1.4. Directors may make applications for grants, where the application does not create a commitment, financial or otherwise, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, and, if grant funding is in excess of £1m then the Corporate Leadership Team must be consulted in advance.

7.1.5. Successful grant applications require a supplementary estimate to incur spending, in line with the approval limits set out in the Constitution (Chapter 3Part 3). Receipt of grant funding over £1m requires Council approval. Delegation of acceptance of the funding to the Chief Executive will facilitate timely dissemination of grant funding to meet need.

7.2. Finance

7.2.1. The recommendation is supportable. The number of arrivals and therefore total expenditure is an estimate at this stage. The grant tariff provided by the government is expected to be sufficient to meet the objectives of the scheme. Therefore, this decision will not impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

7.2.2. The grant must be spent in line with the grant conditions. The grant funds are un-ringfenced. However it's possible that funds may need to be returned if the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities decide to reclaim any unspent or mis-spent balances.

7.2.3. The Home Office have promised further guidance in respect to the funds administration & conditions. We expect further detail on the role of councils in administration of the thank you payments & the payment system for the £10,500 per person funding.

- 7.2.4. The Home Office will also provide additional funding to councils to for education services for children from families. Details of this are expected to be provided by the Home Office soon.
- 7.2.5. Spending plans are currently being developed. Prudence is being practiced, matching the trajectory of arrivals with phases of planned expenditure. i.e., mainly aiming to control spend to match confirmed numbers of guests.
- 7.2.6. A breakdown of estimated grant value:

Funding Element	Tariff (£) per annum	Quantity	Estimated Funding (£)	Note
Standard Tariff (paid per guest received)	£ 10,500	1,000	10,500,000	Estimated number of guests is 1000 at this stage
Thanks You Payments (paid per eligible sponsor)	£ 4,200	500	2,100,000	Thank you payments of £350 per month, to be made to eligible sponsors for a minimum of 6 & a maximum of 12 months. Estimated number of based on an expected average of 2 guest per sponsor
		Total	12,600,000	

7.3. Policy

- 7.3.1. The Government has issued Homes for Ukraine: guidance for councils, which, it should be noted, does not replace or contradict councils' statutory duties or responsibilities.

7.4. Equality

- 7.4.1. The recommendation does require an Equality Impact Assessment. The Homes for Ukraine scheme, equality assessments are being made as part of the integration support e.g., translation and access to information.

7.5. Human Resources

- 7.5.1. The recommendation does not have any HR implications. The resource and capacity to effectively deliver the Homes for Ukraine Scheme provision is being explored outside of this report.

7.6. Risk Management

- 7.6.1. The Homes for Ukraine scheme will be managed accordingly. The financial risk is funding not provided by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities timely.

7.7. Rural Communities

- 7.7.1. The recommendation does not have a rural implication. The Homes for Ukraine Scheme provision is sponsor led with many of the properties being offered in rural communities. As part of the integration support guests will be

informed about the rural community, they are residing within to make local connections.

7.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1. The recommendation does not have a children and young people/cared for children implication. The Homes for Ukraine Scheme provision supports children to access education and integrate them with local schools.

7.9. Public Health

7.9.1. The recommendation does not have a public health implication. The Homes for Ukraine Scheme provision supports guests to access health services and understand current public health guidance. Any unforeseen public health issues will be addressed through working with primary care

7.10. Climate Change

7.10.1. The recommendation does not have a climate change implication. The Homes for Ukraine scheme is sponsor led, the guests will require to travel across the borough to access local amenities. D&G buses have agreed as part of their corporate social responsibility to provide free bus 2 months to each Ukraine national to make use of the local transport offer and therefore reduce their personal Carbon Footprint.

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