

## **Ukraine War Summary of Information.**

Information on offering of accommodation and support to refugees who want to come to the UK.

We understand that many will not want to come this far from the homes that they soon hope they will be able to return to but all this is still unknown.

### **The Scheme**

The UK Government have set up a scheme which it describes as 'bespoke' which means it is for identified individuals who are Ukrainian nationals or immediate family members of a Ukrainian national.

Sponsors should provide accommodation for as long as they are able, but we have a minimum expectation of 6 months. People arriving under this scheme will be able to:

- Live and work in the UK for up to three years
- Access healthcare, benefits, employment support, education, and English language tuition
- The scheme will open on Friday 18 March for visa applications from Ukrainians and immediate family members who already have named people willing to sponsor them.
- People wanting to be sponsors who do not know anyone personally fleeing Ukraine can also record their interest in being a sponsor

Charities, faith groups, universities will have extensive networks with communities and individuals across Europe. We will be working closely with them to ensure people who want to help are matched to people from Ukraine.

You can record your interest as an individual or as an organisation (for example charity, business, community group).

The sort of accommodation needed:

- a residential spare room or separate self-contained accommodation that is unoccupied then please come forward.
- the accommodation must be available for at least 6 months, fit for people to live in, and suitable for the number of people to be accommodated.
- You do not need to provide meals but there is nothing stopping sponsors offering meals should they wish to.
- Further information yesterday suggests that there will be monthly payments to support these offers of accommodation i.e., £350 pcm

In the first phase of the scheme, sponsors will be able to bring named Ukrainians and their immediate family members to the UK. This will launch later this week, and if you have a named family or individual you wish to support you will be able to fill in a form requesting to sponsor them.

At this time Tattenhall could register as a sponsoring village but would need to wait until the Home Office or delegated Refugee Charities match people to the best location and circumstances.

### **Additional Information**

The PC might sign up to be a village willing to sponsoring then formalises the establishment of a Tattenhall Ukraine Action Group who then do the work.

That Group then agree a support package which includes: accommodation and other support initiatives eg. language/ childcare/ schooling/ social/ employment etc. We have already got offers of rooms for a minimum of 6 months and following the likelihood of the Beehive being on offer we might expect to establish that as a centre.

Would the PC prefer that individuals and organisations in the village who are willing to be active proceed down this TUAG route with the PC simply being a supporter even if it does not want to be more than that at this stage?

First step might be that an open meeting be called for those wanting to play an active role to which the PC is also an equal participant in a village wide collaboration. I think that TT is willing to act as coordinator but a view of support/or not from the PC would be important. In the end this will only be helpful if it is a collaboration and so seeking partners at this stage.