Asylum Update Report

Refugee Oversight Leads:

Phil Martin, Assistant Director Business Services, Leadership and Management Paula Massey, Enabling Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Housing Leads:

Caroline Clissold – Business Manager Housing Bethan Waters, Homelessness Lead and Complex Needs

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND (LAHF)

- WODC working with Cottsway Housing to deliver properties through Round I & Round 2 funding to support Afghan Resettlement and Homes for Ukraine
- CDC working with Bromford Housing, nothing confirmed
- FoD no involvement

UKRAINE

As at 31.08.2023	Current Guest Numbers	Current Active Hosts / Households	Families In Temporary Accommodation
Cotswold	180	63	I
Forest	108	51	I
West Oxfordshire	159	111	0

AFGHAN

Resettlement Scheme

As at 31.08.2023	Households
Cotswold	I
Forest	4
West Oxfordshire	6

An additional 9 families will be supported in West Oxfordshire through the LAHF programme.

SYRIAN

As at 31.08.2023	Households
Cotswold	3
Forest	6
West Oxfordshire	5

ASYLUM DISPERSAL

- Home Office schemes with accommodation managed via Clear Springs Ready Homes.
- Government has announced plans to not open any additional hotels, but increase capacity in existing hotels and speed up the asylum process to manage volumes.
- Regular meetings with Council representation DLUHC, South East Migration
 Partnership, South West Migration Partnership, Thames Valley Strategic Migration,
 Oxfordshire County Council, Gloucestershire County Council

WODC - lead Phil Martin

Dispersed Asylum hotel

- 187 residents, majority families
- Attend regular meetings with associated agencies such as Police, Health, Education, Asylum Welcome

Dispersed Asylum HMO

- 4 adults, living independently.

FOD & CDC – lead Paula Massey

- No hotel or HMO
- Several hotels across the county
- Attend regular meetings with associated agencies via the Gloucestershire Strategic Migration Partnership and Migration Resettlement Meeting