

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

COUNCIL – 14 DECEMBER 2022

QUESTION C

Councillor Ms Livesey to ask the Communities, Homes, Digital and Communications Portfolio Holder, Councillor Mrs Crane:

“How many Ukrainian refugees in Rugby are expected to become homeless, and what steps are being taken by the borough council to prevent that, in partnership, where necessary, with the county council and other borough councils and partner organisations?”

Councillor Mrs Crane, Communities, Homes, Digital and Communications Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:

This question is almost identical to the question that was asked by Councillor Srivastava to Council on 23 November 2022. Here was my response:

“11 Ukrainian citizens have approached the Council for housing advice. I am happy to confirm that all have been dealt with via housing advice and follow ups to prevent their needing to progress a homelessness application.

County wide, the district, borough and County councils are working together to prevent homelessness for this cohort. Hosted by North Warwickshire Council, securing funding from the county, a project is in place that actively reaches out to sponsors and guests to understand the potential of homelessness arising within the cohort, and to put in place early remedies and advice. This is separate to the PHIL project which covers just Rugby, Stratford and North Warwickshire. In addition, the district and borough housing advice teams are on hand to support through the usual routes.”