

<p>NOTICE OF KEY DECISION not published on the Forward Plan</p>	<p><i>Gloucestershire County Council</i></p>
<p>Decision to be taken by County Councillor Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Delivery</p>	
<p>The following key decision will be considered using the Council’s General Exception Rule because the decision is urgent and it has not been possible to give 28 days notice on the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Decision: To seek approval for two contract variations to enable additional support to be provided to Ukrainian refugees</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Delivery in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Parking and Libraries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ratifies a decision by the Deputy Director of Public Health to modify the council’s contract with Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS) relating to the provision of a Gloucestershire Refugee Resettlement Programme by adding the provision of support services to Ukrainian refugees to the services already provided thereunder. Such modification was necessitated by the unforeseeable nature the Ukrainian refugee crisis. The term of such modification will continue for an initial period of one year and include an option to extend such term for a further period of one year; 2. delegates authority to the Executive Director: Adult Social Care and Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Delivery to determine whether to exercise such option to extend on the expiry of the initial one year period; 3. ratifies a decision by the Deputy Director of Public Health to modify the council’s contract with Prepaid Financial Services Ltd (PFS) for the provision of Prepaid Card Account Services by adding the delivery and administration of “Welcome Payments” by card to Ukrainian refugees to the services already provided thereunder. Such modification was necessitated by the unforeseeable nature the Ukrainian refugee crisis and will continue for a period of six months. 	

Reason for invoking general exception procedures (as set out in the Council's Constitution, Rules on Access to Information Procedure Rules)

This decision needs to be taken urgently to fund the additional services required of GARAS and to administer the welcome payments through a pre-paid card system. The urgency is due to the need for provision of immediate support to Ukrainian refugees under the requirements of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

As this decision is urgent, it has not been possible to give the required 28 days notice of this key decision.

Background Papers:

[Homes for Ukrainians - Guidance for Councils](#)

Signed:



Dated: 13 May 2022

In accordance with the Council's General Exception Rules, Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, have been notified of the need to take this decision as an urgent decision without first publishing notification of the decision on the council website (28 days before the decision is taken).

Information given to:

Chair of and the Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 13 May 2022.

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