

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Councillor:	Councillor C. Watkins
Cabinet Member for:	Housing
Report by:	Assistant Director – Strategic Housing
SUBJECT:	Asylum Seeker Support from Warwickshire County Council
Date Decision made:	Monday 14 th July, 2025
Place:	Committee Room D, Town Hall, Nuneaton
Officer Present:	Sharon Clinton – Assistant Director – Strategic Housing

DECISION:

IC05 **RESOLVED** that

- a) the grant be split with Warwickshire County Council (WCC), in recognition of their support for the health and well-being of the cohort.
The transfer of this funding to WCC will be conditional on: -
 - 1) Providing transparent and regular reporting to the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing setting out how the funds have been utilised in terms of education, children and adult social care, community initiatives and signposting to services.
 - 2) Returning any unutilised funds to the Council, as of 31st March 2026.
- b) the remaining funds be approved to be held by the Council to support any financial pressures arising from increased homelessness.
- c) Delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing to utilise the remaining funding, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing to support this cohort in accordance with the Home Office's funding instructions.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

Whilst funding is paid directly by the Home Office to the Borough Council, WCC have also had a significant role in supporting residents.

In addition to the day-to day operational impact of such accommodation being in the Borough and the housing needs of those residents, the main role of the Borough Council is our multi-agency response to ensure the health and wellbeing of this cohort. Partnership working with public health, the Police and Serco has been paramount to support these vulnerable residents.

WCC give day to day support for residents. If approved the grant will be spent on supporting the Asylum seekers across many key areas.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Should nothing be done, WCC could withdraw the non-statutory support that they are currently providing and NBBC may be at risk of having to return the funds.

Signature:



Democratic Services to complete.

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DECISION(S) COMES INTO FORCE: 22ND JULY 2025