

Naomi Alleyne
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The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

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Supporting Ukrainians in Wales

Dear Naomi

The Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into support provided to Ukrainian refugees in Wales. The Committee agreed to pursue this area of work following the publication of the Auditor General for Wales's report, *Supporting Ukrainians in Wales*, published in March 2024.

As part of its scrutiny, the Committee has invited the Welsh Government to provide oral evidence on their response to the crisis following the war in Ukraine.

The Committee would like to invite the WLGA as a stakeholder to provide written evidence to this inquiry. In particular the Committee would like to hear about the following:

- Lessons learned from the planning of the initial response, including estimates of the number of arrivals, accommodation options and likely costs of the response.
- Support provided to Local Authorities by the Welsh Government on an ongoing basis, issues arisen and the impact on other areas of Local Authority accommodation support.
- The role of Local Authorities in the administration of Contact Centres/Welcome Centres.
- An overall view of the WLGA on the response and its implementation.

The Committee would welcome any evidence you can provide on these issues and any others you deem to be relevant. If you intend to provide written evidence as part of this inquiry, we would appreciate your response by **3 July 2024**.

If you have any questions about this letter or about the Committee's work in this area, please address them to the clerking team, who will be more than happy to help.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please let us know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Isherwood', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Isherwood MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.