

Background

At the Full Council meeting on 6th April 2022, Cllrs agreed to support those refugees coming to live with host families in Rugeley by:

£1,000 top buy essential support items for individuals

£1,000 to be donated to World Central Kitchen to support refugees at the Ukraine border crossings

Current Position

Those families and individuals that are already resident in Rugeley are being supported with the care packages up to £50 max per individual. We also have second hand clothes, games, bikes etc which are collected by the families.

The situation in the Ukraine changes so quickly that the need was no longer urgent to support the World Central kitchen and so we have not spent the £1,000 allocated to that cause.

Proposal

It has been suggested that Rugeley Town Council support the refugees by paying for membership to the Rugeley Leisure Centre. This will support the health and wellbeing of the individuals and allow them to socialise and become more involved with groups in Rugeley.

Should Cllrs be minded supporting this, the costs would vary depending on the age of the individuals - if they are receiving benefits - if they are joining as individuals or as families.

12 Month Junior Memberships (for children aged 5-13 yrs, includes free casual swimming) - £16.00 p/m plus a pro rata payment

12 Month Off Peak (includes unlimited gym, swim and classes but is time restricted to off peak times) - £28.00 p/m plus a Pro Rata Payment

**12 Month Joint (for two adults ages 16+ residing at same address, includes unlimited gym, swim and classes on any day at any time) - £58.00 p/m plus a pro rata payment
Proof of address must be provided**

12 Month Peak (includes unlimited gym, swim and classes on any day and at any time) - £32.00 p/m plus a Pro Rata Payment

12 Month Teen Membership (for children aged 14-15 yrs, includes free casual swimming, access to teen gym sessions and some classes) - £16.00 p/m plus a pro rata payment

12 Month Student Membership (18 years+ for full time students or apprenticeships proof must be provided, includes unlimited gym, swim and classes on any day at any time) - £16.00 p/m plus a pro rata payment

**12 Month Student Membership (16/17 years for full time students or apprenticeships proof must be provided, includes unlimited gym, swim and classes on any day at any time) - £16.00 p/m plus a pro rata payment
A Parent/Guardian must complete the signup process on the juniors behalf**

Cllrs are asked to consider allocating the £1,000 that had been for the World Central Kitchen and adding £4,000 from general reserves to this. This £5,000 fund would then be used to buy a 1 year membership for those refugees seeking to become members of the Rugeley Leisure Centre.