



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information relating to the council's involvement, planning, and correspondence regarding asylum dispersal or other migrant housing schemes. The period for this request is 1st February 2025 to the present date.

1. Correspondence with Central Government & Partners

All formal correspondence (including emails, letters, and memos) exchanged between Wigan Council senior officers (Director-level and above) and the Home Office, Serco, or the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) regarding the council's capacity, participation, or refusal to participate in asylum dispersal or migrant housing schemes.

In response to your request for correspondence between Wigan Council senior officers Director level and above this is a nil response.

2. Internal Meetings & Briefings

All minutes, agendas, and action points from any internal council meetings at a strategic level (e.g., Cabinet, Leadership Team, or Director-level meetings) where housing capacity for asylum seekers or participation in dispersal schemes was a substantive agenda item.

Information not held

3. Property & Capacity Data

Data on any properties within the borough that have been formally designated, offered, or actively considered by the council for use in housing asylum seekers or migrants. This should include:

The council does not designate, offer or actively consider properties for AS/ migrant occupancy. All property assignments for Asylum seekers are arranged via the Home Office (SERCO).

- a. The total number of properties.
- b. The council ward in which each property is located.
- c. The type of property (e.g., former hotel, residential house, new build).
(Please note: For security, this request does not ask for full street addresses, but for anonymised, ward-level data.)

4. Official Position & Public Statements

Copies of any internal briefing documents prepared for councillors or any draft/final public statements regarding the council's formal position on accepting asylum seekers or migrants under central government schemes.

Information not held