62142 Long-Term Financial Projections for Asylum and Refugee Settlement

I request the following information:

Any internal reports or modelling on the projected costs of asylum seeker and refugee homelessness and services over the next 5–10 years.

I am referring to any Council service that asylum seekers or refugees (including those granted leave to remain) may use or impact. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Housing / temporary accommodation

- Homelessness services

- Social work / children's services

- Education

- Translation / interpretation

- Any other general fund services

I am particularly interested in the overall financial impact across the Council, not only housing.

The only City of Edinburgh Council service to have modelled future cost over a five to ten-year timeframe is the Council's Refugee and Migration Team which operates on the basis of a 5.5 year rolling budget. This is to ensure the Council is able fully to discharge up to five years' worth of responsibility acquired through involvement in UK Government resettlement schemes and to which the Council has a standing commitment of resettling up to 150 people annually. Future modelled costs are:

2026/27:	£2,249,096
2027/28:	£2,286,856
2028/29:	£2,275,78
2029/30:	£1,555,582
2030/31:	£1,096,609
2031/32	£548,305 (part year)

Any analysis comparing the lifetime fiscal cost versus tax contributions of refugees who settle in the area.

The Council does not hold this data.

Any risk assessments regarding future financial sustainability.

I am asking about the Council's assessment (if any) of the long-term impact that the settlement of asylum seekers and refugees is having, or is projected to have, on the Council's financial sustainability and budget pressures.

Costs modelled in the Refugee and Migration Team rolling budget are fully covered by funding committed by the UK Home Office. There are no sustainability concerns in relation to this funding stream.