

Leicestershire Homes for Ukraine Team

WELCOME
ЛАСКАВО
ПРОСИМО

WHY ARE WE HERE?



Update on
Thank You
Payment
changes



Planning next
steps for Guests



Understanding
available
Housing options

Ukraine Permission Extension and Thank you payments

- Ukrainians on the Ukraine Permission Extension (UPE) scheme will be able to extend their visas for a further 24 months after their first 18-month period of UPE.
- Thank you payments are only available for hosting guests who are on a Homes for Ukraine sponsorship visa or were and are now in the first 18 months of their Ukraine Permission Extension visa.
- Other changes may affect eligibility for thank you payments (eg change of visa or family member hosting) – see our thank you payment policy online:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine/information-for-leicestershire-sponsors>

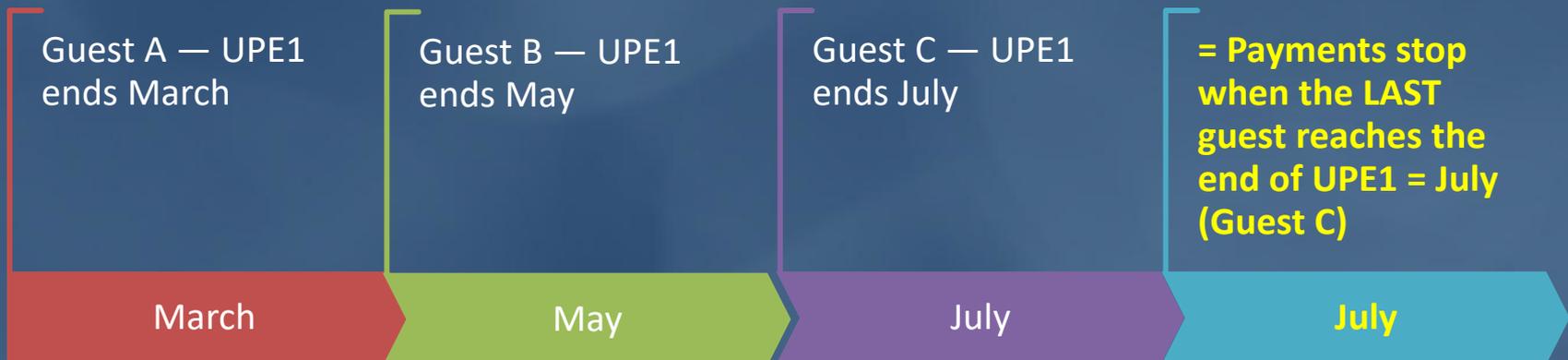
- Other accommodation arrangements may need to be considered.

WHEN WILL THANK YOU PAYMENTS FOR YOUR HOST END?

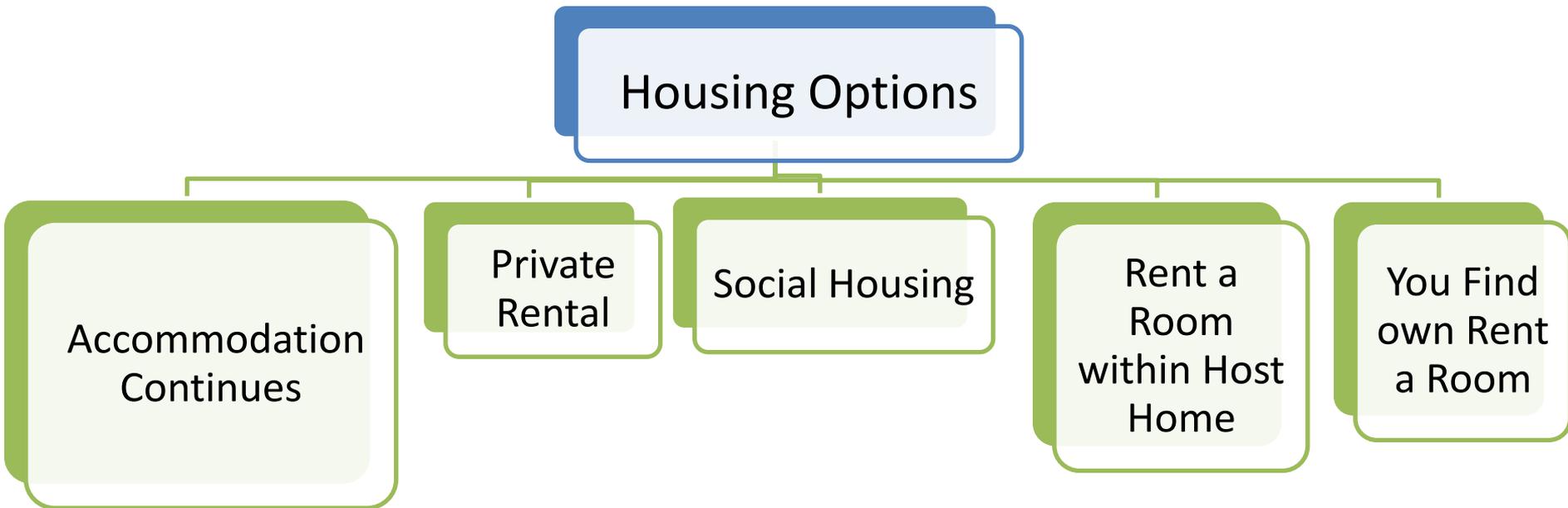
Thank you payments for your host will stop when the last guest they are hosting reaches the end on their first 18 months on the UPE visa.

We will contact you and your host 8 months beforehand to let you know the specific dates.

Example for guests with different UPE end dates:



HOUSING OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION



AGREEMENT REACHED BY YOU AND THE HOST TO CONTINUE TO BE ACCOMODATED WITH NON-PAYMENT



Rent-a-room is one way to do this

PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (PRS)

Please note New Rules for Private Rental come into force on the 1st May 2026

- You move into Private Rented Sector (PRS) accommodation
- Rent is usually set at market rent levels
- Formal tenancy agreement required
- Deposit, affordability and referencing checks may apply
- Guest responsible for rent, utilities and bills

Where to Search

- [spareroom.co.uk](https://www.spareroom.co.uk)
- [openrent.co.uk](https://www.openrent.co.uk)
- [rightmove.co.uk](https://www.rightmove.co.uk)
- [zoopla.co.uk](https://www.zoopla.co.uk)
- [onthemarket.com](https://www.onthemarket.com)
- local letting agents

PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (PRS)



THINGS TO CONSIDER:



CHECK WHAT IS
INCLUDED IN THE
RENT

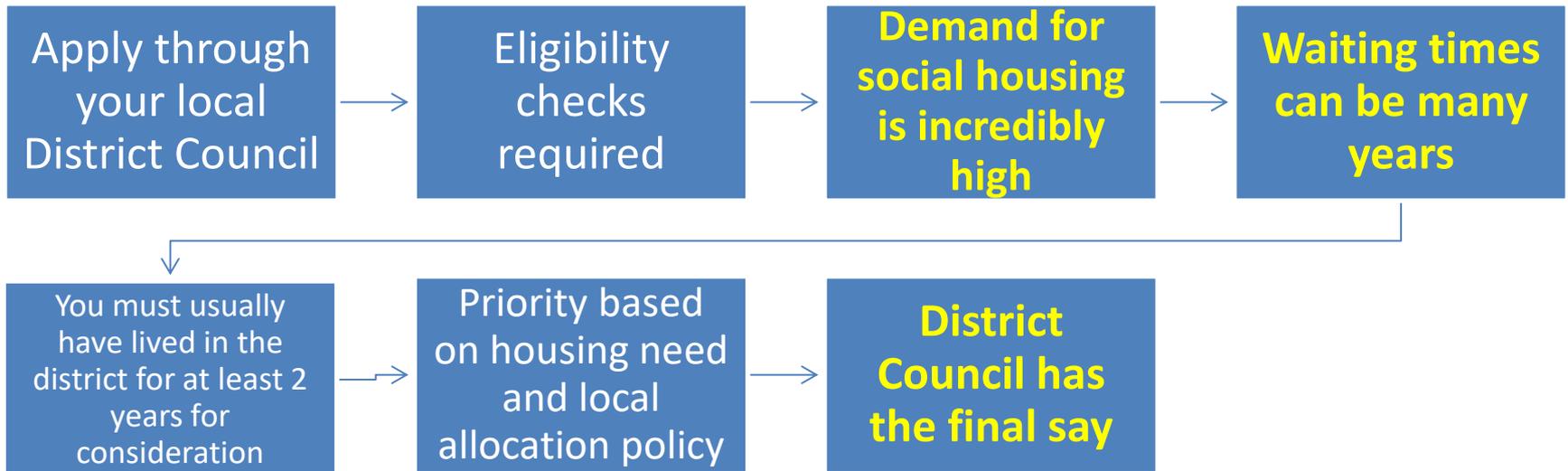


LOCATION AND
TRAVEL COSTS

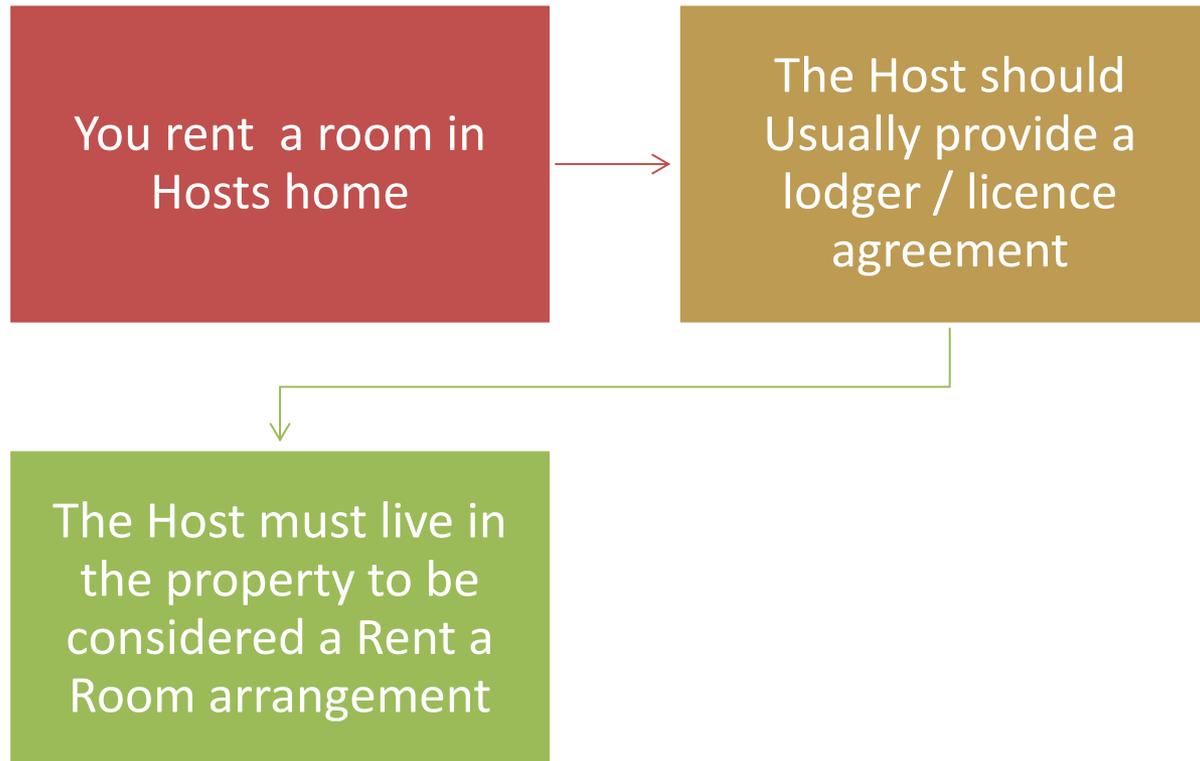


UPFRONT COSTS
(DEPOSIT / FIRST
MONTH'S RENT)

SOCIAL HOUSING



GUEST RENT A ROOM OPTION IN HOST HOME AND NO LONGER A HOSTING ARRANGEMENT



GUEST RENT A ROOM OPTION CONTINUED IN HOST HOME AND NO LONGER A HOSTING ARRANGEMENT

Room should be furnished



Mutual Arrangement not
forced by either party

Important
Rules to
know if going
down this
route
(GOV.UK
Guidance)

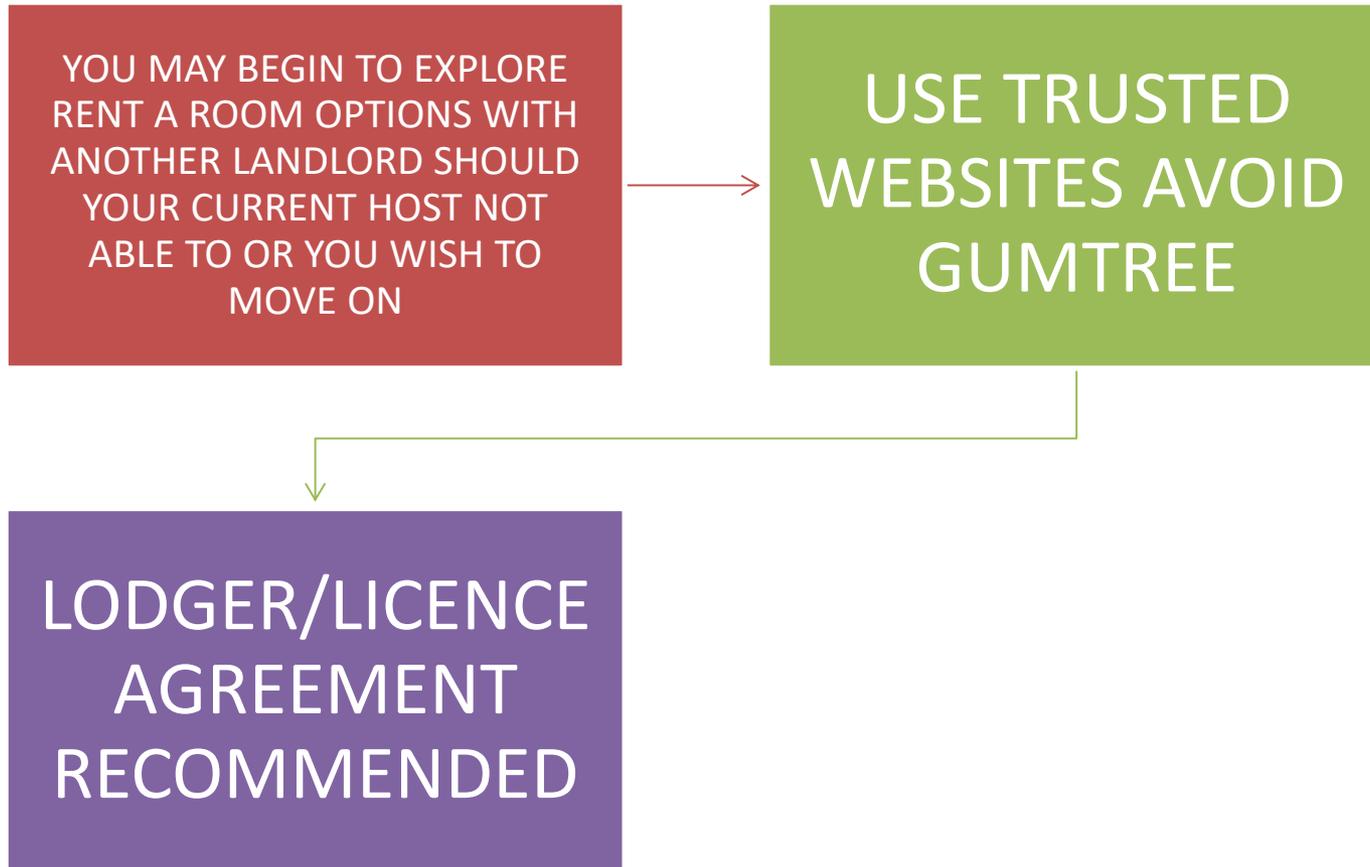
- Rent should be FAIR and normally include utilities
- Unfair rent you may be able to raise issue with HMRC
- If you have to pay council tax. You may not be entitled to Single Person Council Tax Discount as you live in a shared accommodation
- We recommend you request a Lodger Agreement or Licence if you're not given one. Please note it should not be an AST tenancy (An Assured Shorthold Tenancy). This only applies for Private Rentals. Not Rent a Room.
- The agreement or licence should explain house rules, shared areas, rent and notice
- Keep payment records

LANLORD WISHES YOU TO LEAVE AND END RENT A ROOM AGREEMENT ?

If sadly the landlord wishes to end your Rent a Room Agreement or Lodger/licence Agreement then reasonable notice should be given. **However its down to them. Rent a Room security is limited.**

Usually that is dependent on when the rent is paid so if monthly its recommended a month notice is given but this is not set in stone. They can ask you to leave at any time. **Security is low with this option.**

GUEST RENT A ROOM OPTION ELSEWHERE



GUEST RENT A ROOM OPTION WHERE TO LOOK & SUPPORT

WEBSITES:
SPAREROOM.CO.UK,
OPENRENT.CO.UK,
IDEALFLATMATE.CO.UK

GUEST CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS

MOVING IN WITH FAMILY,
RELATIVES, FRIENDS OR
MOVING ELSEWHERE

PERSONAL ARRANGEMENTS
THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN
YOUR CASE

You are free to choose one of the options mentioned to you or any other option you have that suits you best.

The choice is entirely up to you.

What Support is Available

- Tailored housing assessment to identify available options (actioned upon request)
- Homes for Ukraine guidance and email support
- Private rental support (assistance with essential items if eligible)
- Guidance to district council for housing-related matters
- Support with housing register and homeless applications

What To Do Next — Act Now

- Consider your options – think about this now
- Reply to the Homes for Ukraine team to confirm your plans when we contact you 8 months prior to the end of your hosting (your UPE 18-month date)
- Book an Assessment if you would like to discuss further
- If unsure contact us on homesforukraine@leics.gov.uk