

Urgent Business - Ukraine Motion

Motion to be proposed by Councillor C A Vinson, seconded by Councillor C D Zossedder:

“This Council condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and calls on President Putin to immediately withdraw all troops from the country. We deplore the reported use of cluster munitions and other horrific weapons against the civilian population of the Ukraine and support the International Criminal Court's announcement of an investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity. We support the actions taken by the United Kingdom and other nations to provide aid and military equipment to bolster Ukraine's defence against the Russian invasion. We also support the firm financial sanctions imposed on Russia that will materially affect its economy and hinder its ability to trade with the international community. We recognise the steps taken by the British Government to introduce a bespoke humanitarian route to the UK for refugees fleeing the conflict in Ukraine, including the relaxation of visa requirements and eligibility criteria alongside additional staff and application centres in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. We call upon the British government to continue working alongside other countries to provide urgent temporary refuge for those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.”