



COUNCIL – 16TH MARCH 2022

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – UKRAINE

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee in order to expedite business.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor P. Marsden and is supported by Councillors J. Pritchard, E. Stenner, N. George, S. Cook, R. Whiting, C. Gordon, A. Whitcombe, A. Gair, L. Harding, C. Bezzina, S. Morgan, G. Kirby, D. Price, C. Thomas, G. Johnston, D. Havard, J. Simmonds, V. James, A. Collis, E. Aldworth, A. Hussey, R. Saralis, W. Williams, M. Adams, C. Andrews, M. Evans, K. Etheridge, C. Mann, J. Taylor, M. Davies, A. Angel, C. Bishop, J. Roberts, T. Parry.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and is in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure now referred to Council for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 **Notice of Motion**

The Motion asks Council to note that:

The ongoing military attack against Ukraine by the Russian Federation and Belarus, which began on 24th February, has caused shock and concern around the world. It has undermined world peace and represents a fundamental attack on democratic ideals and values.

This war, like all wars, will cause disproportionate harm, fear and suffering to civilians. It has been widely reported that the military conflict has already claimed the lives of hundreds of civilians, and thousands of armed forces personnel. The United Nations has estimated over half a million refugees have already left Ukraine, with more likely to follow.

People across the world have recognised the Ukrainian people's suffering, but also their deep resolve to defend their rights and democratic freedoms. The international community has offered them support in their time of greatest need.

Therefore we, the undersigned, move that Caerphilly County Borough Council:

- A. Recognises the suffering and resolve of the people of Ukraine, and those with close links to Ukraine,
- B. Condemns the unprovoked and unacceptable military attack against Ukraine by the Russian Federation and Belarus,
- C. Offers support if needed, through existing Council services, to residents with Ukrainian citizenship, or those with family members in Ukraine and affected areas,
- D. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to accept refugees from Ukraine, and resolves to accept and support refugees within the County Borough,
- E. Urges the UK Government to show compassion by waiving visa requirements for Ukrainian citizens seeking refuge from the military conflict.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities. However, any subsequent reports arising from this Notice of Motion may require an integrated impact assessment.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.