

**MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**22 MARCH 2022**

**NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION**

**Item 8 (v)**

**Tim Oliver (Weybridge) to move under standing order 11.8 as follows:**

**This Council notes:**

That the Russian attack on Ukraine is not just an invasion of a sovereign state, it is an attack on everything we believe in and stand for. It is an attack on freedom, democracy and self-determination.

That the terrible experiences of the people of Ukraine cannot be ignored and warrant the strongest possible action on simple humanitarian grounds as well as in support of freedom, democracy and self-determination.

**This Council:**

- Deplores the situation in Ukraine brought about by the unwarranted, unprovoked and unprecedented Russian leadership's aggression and invasion of the country.
- Stands in solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

**This Council resolves to:**

- I. Fully engage in and support national schemes for Ukrainian refugees, to identify accommodation and homes for those arriving in Surrey, (provided by public agencies as well as Surrey householders), to assist those fleeing the country to find a safe haven here for as long as is necessary, and to facilitate their return to Ukraine as and when it is safe to do so.
- II. Review and work to immediately relinquish any connections that the Council's energy supplies, and general investments have to Russian interests.
- III. Support the decision of the Surrey Pension Fund Committee to immediately suspend making any further pension investments in Russia and Belarus and continue to review existing investments with a view to exiting. This Council urges the Committee to do so as soon as possible.

- IV. Promote as widely as possible the mechanisms by which Surrey residents can donate and support Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.
- V. Continue to fly the Ukrainian flag as a gesture of support at our Council Headquarters in Woodhatch Place and other buildings, until such time as hostilities cease.

*Seconder: Nick Darby*