

Amendments to Motion Concerning Ukraine:

After “Swale Borough Council is immensely troubled by the horrific devastation in Ukraine, and the escalating humanitarian crisis facing the Country” Insert “as a result of the illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The attack on Ukraine, a democratic, sovereign nation is an attack on the principles of democracy and the right to self-determination.”

In point A. between “unprovoked” and Russian add “illegal”

Add after point D add.

“e. Immediately request a report from the Kent Pension Fund on the investments our Council’s Pension Fund currently has in Russian companies. Where these investments still exist, Council calls on the Pension Fund to make immediate arrangements to divest any shares in Russian companies.

f. Admires the bravery and determination of Ukrainian forces and civilians in defending their nation.

G. Acknowledges the opposition of many ordinary Russians, both within Russia and in other nations, including the UK, to Putin’s aggression, and the risk many have taken to protest against the invasion.

This Council also resolves to ask all Group Leaders sign a joint letter to the Prime Minister, Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary calling on the UK Government to;

1. Offer sanctuary to Ukrainian people in their hour of need without having to go through the prolonged visa application process.
2. End our dependence on Russian energy and fast-track the transition to renewable energy sources.
3. Impose the severest economic, financial, technical and cultural sanctions on the Russian state.
4. Work to strengthen international efforts to protect civilians and non-combatants, provide humanitarian relief, and help bring perpetrators of crimes under international law to justice.
5. Press for parties to the conflict to create & respect humanitarian corridors to safe havens, for all civilians to have access to transportation and time to leave, and for international observers to be granted access to monitor their safe passage. “

PROPOSED: COUNCILLOR BEN J MARTIN

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR HANNAH PERKIN