

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL (SPECIAL) MEETING – 2ND MARCH 2022

Urgent Item of Business

(pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 26)

NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING “UKRAINE” - GIVEN BY THE LORD MAYOR (COUNCILLOR GAIL SMITH) AND TO BE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PETER PRICE

That this Council:-

- (a) notes with shock and horror the deeply upsetting situation in Ukraine and believes that Vladimir Putin’s attack on Ukraine is an unprovoked, unjustifiable outrage and a heinous violation of international law that will have tragic consequences;
- (b) takes a stand in complete solidarity with the Ukrainian people as they bravely resist this assault;
- (c) notes the horrific ordeal facing many as they flee to safety and who now face a future that they could never have imagined;
- (d) notes that for many years Sheffield has been twinned with the city of Donetsk in Ukraine and we have a well-established Ukrainian community in our city, and believes we must stand with them and against the bullying tactics of Putin’s Russian State and the military aggression that Ukraine is facing;
- (e) notes that this is not a war waged by Russian citizens but by its President and his high-ranking military officials, and notes that many Russians have made Sheffield their home;
- (f) notes that there are those in Russia who are standing up for what is right and making their voices heard against their own Government, and these people must be commended, and notes that due to brutal police crackdowns on freedom of speech it is dangerous to voice anti-Putin sentiments; and
- (g) believes that Sheffield is a city of sanctuary, and we should be proud of the fact we can provide a safe place in their time of need and that, though ultimately immigration and asylum matters are for the national government, we will always willingly and openly take our fair share of people in need.

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