

Practical approaches to help the people of The Ukraine

Motion for Parish Council to consider

That Parish Council approve for Council officers to research the initiative of Sponsoring a Ukrainian refugee/s (individual or family) as recently announced by the national Government and to furnish a report to the April Council meeting.

That Officers conduct a review of our supply chain to ensure we are not dealing with UK Government sanctioned people or their business interests.

The Parish Council website contain links to information for refugees, how to support and those who are experiencing heightened anxiety. Including noting that National government advice and international aid agencies are now requesting only funding not goods. Also, to note that cultural organisations are available for and supportive of members from impacted communities

Background

Discussions with residents show wide levels of support for the Ukrainian people. Our residents have consistently responded and value practical approaches to help. Such as the Covid response (Kindness Kits and Meals initiatives), Grenfell fire disaster and enormous volume of goods donated.

Proposal

Parish Council assists to channel the desire of the community to assist through the provision of quality and impartial information about credible aid campaigns. And we start to prepare for supporting refugees arriving into the UK.

We also have an obligation to support the UK Government sanctions. Supply Chains can be very global and thus we need to take a considered and deliberate approach to ensure we are not dealing with a sanctioned individual or their businesses. This approach could be similar to the one taken as part of the Modern Slavery Act.

Adults and children within our community may be experiencing anxiety as a result of the situation. This anxiety may be increased as it follows other incredibly unusual and upsetting experiences in recent times. We can acknowledge and help people by signposting to resources that are available.