

**COUNCIL: 16 MARCH 2022**  
**URGENT MOTION**

**Proposer: Councillor Gurney**

**Seconder: Councillor Davidson**

“In recognition of the invasion of Ukraine, the motion is that:

1. North Ayrshire Council is appalled at the ongoing illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia and joins with the civilised world in condemning the actions of President Putin in initiating the war which is taking an increasing toll of military personnel and non-combatant civilians alike.
2. The Council welcomes the statement from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the intention to open an investigation in relation to possible crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Ukraine
3. The council supports the Scottish and UK Governments, other nations and allies in deploying sanctions aimed at ending the illegal Russian invasion and supporting the government and people of Ukraine in the defence of their country and the lives and liberties of their people.

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4. To note the Cabinet decision of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in that the council stands ready to assist by offering humanitarian support and refuge to the people of Ukraine in this ordeal, as it has recently done for Syrian refugees, those evacuated from Afghanistan, and those fleeing persecution in Hong Kong.
5. The Council agrees that the invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing occupation of the Crimean peninsula and parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, is a reminder that peace, stability and democracy cannot be taken for granted, even in Europe, and emphasizes the value and importance of international institutions including the United Nations, the European Union, the OSCE, the Council of Europe and NATO in continuing to safeguard and advance democracy, mutual security and economic prosperity in Europe and beyond.
6. North Ayrshire Council stands with Ukraine and its people in these terrible times. And, with those Russians who are not responsible for this war, many of whom bravely speak out against it - thousands of whom have been arrested by the Russian State for taking part in peaceful protests.
7. The council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Andrey Kelin, Ambassador of Russia to the United Kingdom, conveying the council's condemnation of the actions of the Russian Government.

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8. The council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Vadym Prystaiko, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United Kingdom, conveying the council's united solidarity with that of the Ukrainian Government, and the people of Ukraine."