

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 23 MARCH 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE RESPONSE TO INVASION OF UKRAINE

Summary

1. The Board is asked to consider the 24 March 2022 Cabinet report in respect of Worcestershire's Response to the invasion of Ukraine.
2. The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive have been invited to the meeting for the discussion.

Background

3. Russia began a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. This was an escalation of the ongoing conflict which had seen Russian-backed separatists take control of the Crimean Peninsula and parts of the Eastern Donbas region from 2014. Whilst Russia expected a quick war, Ukrainian resistance has been strong, backed up by a unified Western policy to support Ukraine and target the Russian economy through widespread sanctions.
4. The resulting conflict and targeting of Ukrainian cities and infrastructure has had a significant humanitarian impact. To date (9 March 2022), over two million Ukrainians have fled the country, with the vast majority being re-settled in the European Union – particularly Poland. This represents the largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II. There have been substantial calls for the UK to support displaced Ukrainians, both through a refugee scheme and via donations of aid.
5. The Cabinet Report (attached at Appendix 1) will consider how Worcestershire can support Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Purpose of the Meeting

6. Members of the Board are asked to consider the 24 March 2022 Cabinet Report, provide comments to the Leader which can then be considered as part of the Cabinet discussion and determine whether it would wish to carry out any further scrutiny.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - 24 March 2022 [Cabinet](#) Report -Worcestershire Response to Invasion of Ukraine (to follow)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

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