

Revised Motion for Council March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Coventry City Council condemns without reservation the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Government, led by President Putin.

Our thoughts and solidarity are with the Ukrainian people.

This war is a war brought about by Putin and is a war against democracy. Our thoughts are also with those brave Russian people who are protesting and demonstrating against Putin's actions, despite the penalties they themselves face for daring to stand up and be counted.

It is with a heavy heart, that at this time we will now pause our twinning links with the City of Volgograd until such a time that they can resume. We also pledge to explore the possibility of twinning with the City of Mariupol when the time is right.

Coventry City Council supports the suspension of all cultural, educational and sporting exchanges with Russia.

Furthermore, Coventry City Council vow to be part of any refugee dispersal programme for refugees coming to the UK from Ukraine., and we urge the Government to bring forward revised policies to allow any Ukrainian fleeing the war to enter the UK without bureaucratic barriers.

This Council pledges support to all those communities affected by this war as we will continue to be the City of Peace and Reconciliation, and a City of Sanctuary.

To be moved by Councillor J Mutton

To be seconded by Councillor G Ridley