

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 7.00pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>J MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>8 Community Support for Ukraine</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Congleton community, like communities across the UK, has been helping people from Ukraine initially through donations and now starting to prepare to welcome them as guests in homes in Congleton and the surrounding parishes.</p> <p>Community Support for Ukraine has been added to the agenda so that the Town Council can discuss the issue and agree on actions that the Town Council can take to support the community.</p> <p>This is a fast-moving topic and there is a briefing for Town Council officers on the 31<sup>st</sup> March which will be used to update members at the committee meeting.</p> <p>It is expected that Ukrainians will start to arrive in Congleton next week.</p> <p>Initial thoughts on areas that the Town Council may wish to consider include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-ordination and supporting hosts</li> <li>• Space for hosts to meet</li> <li>• Space for Ukrainians to meet</li> <li>• Language lessons</li> <li>• Connecting into the local community/Providing volunteer opportunities</li> <li>• Meeting needs when in Congleton</li> <li>• Facilitating communications for hosts</li> <li>• Linking with the parishes who are also hosting people from Ukraine</li> </ul>		
<b>Proposal</b>	For Congleton Town Council to form a subgroup to help make Ukrainian people as welcome as possible when arriving in Congleton.		
<b>Environmental</b>	Not yet known – although likely to be around practical support.		
<b>Equality</b>	Supporting some of the more vulnerable members of society to feel welcomed and settled in our town.		
<b>Financial</b>	Not yet known		
<b>Decision Requested</b>	For Congleton Town Council to show leadership and commitment to supporting Ukrainian guests in the town over the coming months. Actions to be decided at the meeting.		