

Full Council

Report Title:	Ukraine Response in Thame
Meeting Date:	26 April 2022
Contact Officer:	Mandy Sturdy, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

To **receive** an update on Thame's response to the Ukraine crisis, following the public meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 13 April 2022.

Action Required

To note the report.

Background

1. On Wednesday 13 April 2022, a meeting chaired by the Mayor, Cllr Paul Cowell was held in the Town Hall to discuss ways in which the town can best help and support both refugees arriving in Thame and their hosts.
2. Representatives from the local churches, schools and GP surgeries attended alongside those from organisations such as Sharing Life Trust and Citizens' Advice, plus several town councillors and council staff, local businesses, and residents. The organiser / administrator of the '[Thame for Ukraine' Facebook group](#) also attended.
3. There has, and continues to be, a fantastic response from Thame's residents and businesses who are working hard to help integrate Ukrainians into Thame's community.
4. Overall, it was felt that a coordinated, central place for local information and support services was needed, with signposts to the District / County Council's and Government's websites where appropriate.
5. Officers have created a webpage, similar to the one created in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, on the Town Council's website – <https://www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/ukraine/>.
6. The website is continually being added to as more information becomes available and the situation in Thame evolves. Suggestions are welcome on information to be added that might be missing.

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