

The following item of additional business will be considered at the MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL to be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022 at 10.00 am

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

3 March 2022

ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS		
13.	<p>Urgent Motion by Councillor Rowley</p> <p>Consider urgent Motion by Councillor Rowley in the following terms:-</p> <p>“Scottish Borders Council wishes to record its horror at the events in Ukraine and the suffering and devastation being inflicted on the Ukrainian people by an unjustified, ongoing and brutal act of war.</p> <p>We hope the Borders will offer welcoming arms to those seeking refuge from conflict in due course</p> <p>Whilst regret, condemnation and solidarity are important to record, we recognise that practical help is vital and needs to be efficient and swift.</p> <p>Organisations across the Borders are already mounting their own relief plans, there are currently vans being driven from the Borders into Europe, packed full of supplies generously donated by local residents. Those efforts are entirely commendable.</p> <p>However, it has become clear in recent days that the scale of the event and the complexity of logistics mean that in the immediate term the most effective way for us to deliver aid to the people who need it most is to use the organisations that are experts in disaster relief and currently have folk on the ground both in and around Ukraine.</p> <p>The Disasters Emergency Committee seems to be the best way of doing that with a partnership over 27 experienced relief charities. They estimate 18 million people will be affected and 4 million people displaced. The scale of the task is huge, but they have skilled people in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries now able to deliver relief where it is needed.</p> <p>We ask that the Chief Executive make prominent use of all of SBC's communications assets and social media outlets to communicate that the best way of helping now is to enthusiastically support the work of the DEC with donations and to encourage Borderers to do so, but also to highlight the</p>	5 mins

	independent work by many people, businesses, organisations and charities across the Scottish Borders who are running individual initiatives.”	
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- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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