

Motions to Council 23 March 2022

Chief Executive's accompanying notes

Motion 895	<p>Ukraine</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mark Hawthorne Seconded by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cllr John Bloxsom and Cllr Cate Cody</p> <p>This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wholeheartedly condemns the barbaric and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. As a democratic chamber, we are appalled by what we have seen unfold over recent weeks and we support the Ukrainian people in their fight to maintain democracy and self-determination as a nation.• We applaud countries across the world who have come out to condemn the Russian regime and President Putin's leadership.• Welcomes the sanctions placed on Russia by the Government of the United Kingdom and other nations to target those Russian individuals responsible for the aggression and the organisations which benefit from, and fund, the corrupt and oppressive Russian regime.• Approves of the decision by our Pension Committee to prohibit new investments in Russian assets and to disinvest from all Russian-controlled and Russian-owned assets. <p>We also note that as of 8 March 2022, over 2 million people have fled Ukraine – a figure which will only increase further – and that Gloucestershire has a proud record of welcoming refugees.</p> <p>This Council therefore agrees and affirms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We stand with Ukraine and offer our full support for the people and their government in the face of unprovoked aggression.• To provide any reasonable help and support to all Ukrainian nationals living in Gloucestershire.• To work with District colleagues and GARAS to provide support for all refugees who arrive in Gloucestershire. <p>Finally, this council extends its thoughts and prayers to</p>
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	members of the Gloucestershire Ukrainian community and pays tribute to the incredible generosity the people of Gloucestershire have shown in their personal efforts to support the humanitarian response to this crisis.
Climate change implications	No implications arising from this motion.
Resource implications	Will be kept under review in line with decisions about reasonable help and support. To date it has been agreed to donate a Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue vehicle and equipment which are no longer required, which otherwise would have been auctioned off for an estimated maximum value of £20,000
Human rights implications	No implications arising from this motion.
Other implications relating to Council's policy framework	No implications arising from this motion.

<p>Motion 893</p>	<p>Policing and anti-social behaviour Proposed by Cllr Jeremy Hilton Seconded by Cllr David Brown</p> <p>This Council believes that improved police patrols, especially on foot, by Gloucestershire Constabulary would help reduce the incidence of petty crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>This Council notes that Chris Nelson, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), committed in his manifesto to cut anti-social behaviour in our communities by 50% and to employ an additional 300 police officers during this term in office.</p> <p>This Council notes however, with some concern, that the PCC's recently announced budget paper will only see 106 additional officers employed during this term.</p> <p>This Council therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invites the PCC to provide a public presentation to the County Council on how he intends to deliver on his commitment to halve anti-social behaviour in Gloucestershire over the next two years and explain why his manifesto commitment on officer numbers has been cut by nearly two thirds. • calls on the new PCC to deliver on all of his manifesto pledges by the end of his current term in office.
<p>Climate change implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Resource implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Human rights implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Other implications relating to Council's policy framework</p>	<p>Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides for each police area in England and Wales outside London to have a police and crime panel with the function of scrutinising the decisions and actions of the police and crime commissioner.</p> <p>The draft Gloucestershire Police & Crime Plan was considered by the Gloucestershire Police & Crime Panel at its meeting on 28 September 2021.</p>

<p>Motion 894</p>	<p>Road Safety in Gloucestershire Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson Seconded by Cllr Roger Whyborn</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That 2022 has seen a significant number of incidents with motor vehicles in Gloucestershire, resulting in 53 serious injuries and 8 deaths in just the first two months. • That these serious incidents have not been confined to one road or area, but across the county’s highways. • That according to the incident data, our roads have seen a generally rising trend in serious injuries, with the number of deaths being stable at best, over the periods from 2010 to 2015 and 2016 to date. • The falling trend in minor injuries, over the same periods, which is to be welcomed – though may be as much a result of changes to car design as improvements to road safety. <p>This Council believes that road safety needs to be proactively managed, with the emphasis on preventing deaths and serious injuries, and should not wait until tragedy strikes for changes to be made.</p> <p>This Council welcomes the road safety policy review being undertaken but is concerned at the loss of County Council-led road safety partnerships across the county and districts – to be replaced by a much less transparent and more centralised Road Safety Forum held behind closed doors.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask officers to provide Environment Scrutiny with a thorough briefing on recent accidents and their causations. • Call on Cabinet to ensure that communities and all levels of governance in Gloucestershire are thoroughly consulted on the refreshed Road Safety Policy. • Call on Cabinet to work with Environment Scrutiny to develop a policy of ongoing dialogue with our residents to see road safety measures proactively installed in our communities.
<p>Climate change implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Resource implications</p>	<p>The Environment Scrutiny briefing, consultation of the refreshed Road Safety Policy and ongoing dialogue with residents can be met from existing resource.</p>

Human rights implications	No implications arising from this motion
Other implications relating to Council's policy framework	The Strategic Road Safety Partnership is in the process of being re-established and Terms of Reference are being finalised with a view to taking them to the Safer Gloucestershire meeting in June.

<p>Motion 896</p>	<p>Knife crime Proposed by Cllr Nick Housden Seconded by Cllr Alastair Chambers</p> <p>This Council notes the profound impact that the death of Ramarni Crosby had on the City of Gloucester. This Council never wants to see another of our young children harmed through knife crime. We want all of our children and young people to feel safe in their communities and for no one to carry a weapon – either with intent for violence or for perceived protection.</p> <p>Therefore, this Council resolves to call on Cabinet to develop an action plan alongside our partners in the Police, schools and youth groups to ensure that the County Council is doing all than it can to deter young people from carrying knives. This action plan should focus on what we can ‘do differently’ to ensure we’re learning lessons from the past as well as successes from other council areas.</p> <p>We will listen and work with partners in areas of high knife crime to learn what more we can be doing to support those communities and prevent young people from carrying knives in the first place.</p>
<p>Climate change implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Resource implications</p>	<p>The cost of undertaking any initial work can be met from existing budgets. Any longer term resource implications arising from the plan will be subject to the Council’s usual budget-setting process.</p>
<p>Human rights implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>
<p>Other implications relating to Council’s policy framework</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion</p>

Motion 897**Violence against women and girls**

Proposed by Cllr Kathy Williams

Seconded by Cllr Philip Robinson

This Council believes that women and girls deserve to live free from intimidation, violence and harassment. This Council condemns all violence against women and girls (VAWG) and notes that it can take many forms, including physical, financial, and emotional.

We want Gloucestershire to be the safest county in the UK for women and girls.

We welcome the launch of the Home Office's new 'Enough' campaign which seeks to educate the public by highlighting VAWG and its various forms.

We are also pleased that our Police and Crime Commissioner has made VAWG one of his top priorities in his Police and Crime Prevention Plan. We are particularly grateful to the work of the OPCC and Gloucestershire Constabulary to eradicate VAWG from Gloucestershire and note especially the introduction of the 'Flare App' which gives women the opportunity to report inappropriate behaviour directly to the police.

To ensure that this county is the safest in the country for women and girls, we propose that:

- The Council strives to become the first public body in Gloucestershire to receive a 'White Ribbon Accreditation' for its commitment and work to end male violence against women.
- We write to all District Councils and Head Teachers in the county asking them to become White Ribbon Champions to show a clear signal that Gloucestershire stands united against VAWG.
- We invite the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and Gloucestershire Constabulary to run a session for all councillors on the nature of VAWG in Gloucestershire and what we can all be doing in communities to tackle it.
- We will also utilise our strong relationships with Head Teachers to invite them to a similar session to ensure that they are supported in combatting VAWG in schools so that we can prevent unhealthy and dangerous behaviours in young people.
- We ask the Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny

	Committee to investigate and produce a report for Cabinet on any steps the County Council can be taking to end VAWG in Gloucestershire.
Climate change implications	No implications arising from this motion
Resource implications	The cost of undertaking any initial activities can be met from existing budgets. Any longer term resource implications arising from the initiatives proposed will be subject to the Council's usual budget-setting process.
Human rights implications	Violence against women is a violation of women's human rights as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998. In condemning and proposing steps to tackle violence against women, this motion is fully compatible with human rights
Other implications relating to Council's policy framework	No implications arising from this motion

<p>Motion 898</p>	<p>County deals</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr John Bloxsom Seconded by Cllr Wendy Thomas</p> <p>Council welcomes the widening of the prospects for devolution in the recent White Paper. We support the view of the LGA that every part of England should be able to decide for themselves what form of devolution would best improve opportunities and life chances for local people.</p> <p>We reaffirm the commitment in the Council Strategy to encourage the development of a single plan for Gloucestershire’s future growth through partnership working between all local authorities and other stakeholders.</p> <p>We note that it is up to the County Council to lead a devolution discussion for Gloucestershire, however, in line with our commitment to partnership working, we resolve to seek broad local support for any devolution deal which should include support of our District Councils.</p> <p>Given opportunities for extra powers and funding, we should have an open mind. When entering discussions with government, we should consider the advantages and disadvantages of different options, the scope for bespoke arrangements and not take options off the table at this stage. Council would not support negotiations over any devolution deal taking place privately behind closed doors through bilateral talks between this Council’s leadership and Central Government and we therefore call for our District Councils and stakeholders to be partners in this dialogue.</p> <p>We further believe that this dialogue should be widened, be beyond the public sector organisations represented in Leadership Gloucestershire and should include full public consultation with residents together with business, the voluntary sector and District, Town and Parish Councils.</p>
<p>Climate change implications</p>	<p>No implications arising from this motion.</p>
<p>Resource implications</p>	<p>The cost of undertaking any initial discussions can be met from existing budgets. Any longer-term resource implications arising from County deals will be subject to the Council’s usual budget-setting process.</p>

Human rights implications	No implications arising from this motion.
Other implications relating to Council's policy framework	No implications arising from this motion.