

Motion: Town Twinning, Ukraine

Proposed by Laura Coniam

Seconded by Charles Gibson

1. The Council notes the towns long-standing tradition of town twinning as a means of fostering friendship, cultural exchange and mutual understanding between communities.

2. The Council recognises the efforts of the many residents and organisations across Faversham, who since 2022, have opened their homes to displaced Ukrainians and supported with fundraising and humanitarian relief efforts, and how the twinning proposed below would serve to commemorate that effort;

3 .The Council further notes that town-twinning presents an opportunity to strengthen international links through partnerships with areas which share historic, cultural or economic relevance to Faversham.

In response to an invitation from The Regional Administration in Chernihiv [Чернігівська міська рада], this Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the establishment of a formal twinning relationship between Faversham Town Council and Bakhmach community in Nizhyn Raion of Chernihiv Oblast in northern Ukraine;

2. Encourage participation from local schools, community groups and businesses;

3. Delegate authority to the Town Clerk, Mayor, chair of the community committee and community committee itself to take all necessary steps to formalise the partnership, including the signing of a 'charter of twinning'.