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## Message from the Deputy Chief Executive

Over the past week, many of us have been moved by the plight of the people of Ukraine. We are also aware of many people in this district wanting to do what they can to help in the unfolding humanitarian crisis.

I am therefore pleased that our Chairperson, Councillor Cathy Mason has arranged two drop-off points in the district for donations. These items are initially due for transportation to Poland, and this will be kept under review.

Newry Leisure Centre will be open on Saturday and Sunday between 1pm and 5pm for donations. Down Leisure Centre will be open on Saturday between 1pm and 5pm.

Below is a list of items currently needed:

- blankets and sleeping bags
- NRC foil
- torches and batteries
- power banks
- thermos flasks
- first aid supplies
- personal hygiene items
- tea/coffee
- tin food/soup packets
- baby food/nappies
- disposable cutlery & plates
- cardboard boxes for transport.

I would encourage you to donate if you can and to share this opportunity with others.

With many thousands of families expected to continue to flee Ukraine for neighbouring countries, your donations will help to provide support in the weeks and months to come.

**Line Managers are responsible for making sure that this information is brought to the attention of employees without access to Council e-mails.**

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**Deputy Chief Executive**