

COUNCIL MEETING 14TH MARCH 2024

**STATEMENTS FROM
COUNCILLORS**

Councillor (item 12)

1. Cllr Joanna Wright

The democratic process and listening to residents

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - COUNCILLORS

M	01	Question from:	Councillor Chris Dando
Can I invite the Leader to update members on developments since the signing of the friendship agreement with the City of Oleksandriya?			
Answer from:			Cllr Kevin Guy
Since the friendship agreement was finalised with Oleksandriya's city council in August 2023 there has been a number of developments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Leader has spoken regularly with Mayor Kuzmenko to explore partnership opportunities• The council has facilitated partnership discussions between Broadlands School – Keynsham and a secondary school from Oleksandriya to promote cultural exchange• The council linked the friends of Oleksandriya with Bath University's Director of Sport to help develop sporting ties• To mark the 2nd anniversary of the conflict a recital event was held at the Abbey followed by a reception at the Guildhall. In addition, to mark the council's ongoing support, the flags of Oleksandriya and Ukraine were flown over the Guildhall and Pultney Bridge was lit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.			