

Full Council: 31 January 2017

Administration Motion: Cllr Brian Gordon

An internationally recognised definition of antisemitism

Council deplores the marked increase in anti-Semitic incidents in this country. Council notes the variety of guises in which anti-Semitic hate-mongering can be manifested and the indirect tactics often employed to promote animosity towards Jews, such as inflammatory, slanderous attacks on Israel and Zionism. Such tactics are equally deplorable, be they from extreme Right, Left or fundamentalist sources.

Council considers these developments to be of particular concern within this Borough, which has the largest Jewish population in the country, and prides itself on the good inter-community relations existing among its citizens Council accordingly welcomes the lead taken by HM Government in promoting the adoption of an internationally recognised definition of antisemitism, consistent with that adopted last year by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. These states:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.” Council hereby adopts the said definition as part of its own efforts to combat antisemitism and all other forms of racism and hate crime.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.