

Council 26 July 2016

Agenda item 15.1: Amendment in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk

Condemnation of hate crime

Add at the end:

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Substantive motion to read:

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country.

We, the elected councillors of LB Barnet, condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We call on Barnet council to continue to work to ensure local bodies and programmes have the support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Barnet, whatever their background, that they are valued members of our community.

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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.