



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY**

to
COUNCIL
2 NOVEMBER 2017

ADOPTION OF WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTI SEMITISM

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider formally adopting the working definition of Anti-Semitism as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council formally adopts the definition of Anti-Semitism as proposed by the IHRA as follows:

‘Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical or physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.’

3. AREA FOR DECISION / ACTION

3.1 Background

- 3.2 The Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, Secretary for State for Communities and Local Government contacted all Local Authorities calling on them to formally adopt the working definition of anti-Semitism as defined by the IHRA. A copy of the letter is attached at **APPENDIX 1** to this report. The definition which was agreed in May 2016 at a Plenary session of the IHRA is set out at **APPENDIX 2** and can be inspected at;

http://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press_release_document_antisemitism.pdf

- 3.3 This report seeks Members’ formal adoption of the definition of Anti-Semitism.

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 4.1 This report supports the corporate goal of ‘strengthening communities to be safe, active and healthy’.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The Council aims to deliver services to all parts of the community. By adopting the definition communities will be reassured the Council will not tolerate discrimination or persecution in any form.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – The Council through adoption of the definition of anti-Semitism demonstrates its commitment to the Equality Act 2010 (part of which recognises the protected characteristics associated with Religion or belief).
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None identified.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None identified.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None identified.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None identified.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 This Council has been asked by the Secretary for State for Communities and Local Government to consider adopting the agreed definition of anti-Semitism.

Background Papers: None.

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