

CABINET – 14TH OCTOBER 2020: ITEM 8

Submitted by: Council Leader, Councillor Simon Tagg

Subject: Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Anti-Semitism

Recommendation

That Cabinet supports the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of Anti-Semitism and asks officers to prepare a report for the next Full Council to allow Council members to endorse its inclusion in the Council's policies and practices.

Reasons

To allow the Council to adopt the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism in line with the request from Central Government.

1. **Background**

Following the Government's adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition in 2017, Government has been encouraging Councils to formally adopt the definition as a clear message that anti-Semitic behaviour will not be tolerated.

The Council had planned to take a report to its April 2020 Council Meeting, but that was cancelled because of the Coronavirus lockdown.

The IHRA definition:

'Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward 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'.

This definition is encouraged to be used in 'education, awareness raising and for monitoring and responding to manifestations of antisemitism'.

Further information about the definition can be found at:

<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism>