

Adopting the IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism

Council:

1) NOTES:

a) The rise in anti-Semitism across the UK in recent years and the duty of the Council and all political parties to condemn and combat it.

b) The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism agreed in May 2016.

- i) 'Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.'
- ii) The IHRA definition appends a guide containing a range of examples.

c) The adoption by the UK Government of this working definition in December 2016.

d) The adoption by the Scottish Government of this working definition in April 2017.

2. CONDEMNS Antisemitism and all its expressions – along with Islamophobia and other forms of racism.

3. ADOPTS the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

4. REAFFIRMS that criticism of Israel is not antisemitic. But singling out Israel for selective condemnation and opprobrium, let alone denying its right to exist or seeking its destruction, is discriminatory and hateful.

5. CELEBRATES and RESPECTS

a) Mutual respect and tolerance.

b) Freedom of speech.

c) Democracy which should be free from the hatred of antisemitism.