



COUNCIL MEETING

16 June 2017

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor M Brain will move the following motion:

"This Council notes:

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in anti-Semitism in recent years across the UK. This is one of the oldest, most persistent and insidious forms of racism and includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic imagery. Criticism of Israel, like any other state or country can be legitimate, but not if it employs the language and imagery of anti-Semitism.

Council welcomes the announcement by the UK Government last December and other councils since, that they will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism which is supported by the major representative bodies of the Jewish Community including the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Leadership Council and the European Jewish Congress. This defines anti-Semitism as follows:

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

Council hereby adopts the above definition of anti-Semitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.

Seconded by: Councillor M Foy

Supported by: Councillor A Douglas
Councillor L Kirton
Councillor B Oliphant