

## Labour Group Amendment

### Temple Burglaries Motion

To be moved by Councillor Ajay Maru and seconded by Councillor Graham Henson :

#### This Council notes and condemns:

- The burglary of Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple in Kenton, Harrow.
- The burglary of the Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Willesden, Brent.
- Hate crime incidents at the Sree Ayyappan Temple in Masons Avenue, Harrow
- Any crime carried out against any religious establishment.

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#### This Council believes:

- ~~Harrow~~ That diverse and cohesive communities are what makes Harrow the great place that people want to call home
- That all residents deserve to feel safe ~~has a diverse community that deserves to feel safe and have the right to freely practice whatever religion they follow.~~
- Local communities and religious establishments should be protected.
- Any crime carried out against any religious establishment is unacceptable.

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#### Harrow Council welcomes/supports:

- The work carried out to date by the Police to investigate the incidents
- The partnership work undertaken directly with the affected places of worship by Harrow Council, Councillors, Police and Assembly Member for Brent & Harrow to strengthen working relationships, enhance security of the premises and to convey the message of reassurance to the community.

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**This Council resolves:**

- To instruct the interim Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to send a cross-party letter to these places of worship both Temples, condemning the burglaries criminal incidents and offering solidarity and support.
- As part of the Council's on-going work on community cohesion, to offer a meeting to representatives from the Kenton Temple with the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and relevant Council officers to discuss this work and explore whether Harrow can provide further support. how the Council can provide better support."