

## Anti-Semitism in the Labour Party Motion to Full Council – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Proposed by Cllr. Paul Osborn and Seconded by Cllr. Marilyn Ashton

Amendment proposed by Cllr Graham Henson and Seconded by Cllr Kiran Ramchandani

This Council notes :

- The worrying rise of anti-Semitism on all sides of politics, across Europe and the United States
- The Council's adoption of the "working definition of anti-Semitism" at the Full Council meeting on 23rd February 2017.
- The Council's reaffirmation of this definition at the Full Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- The resignation of Luciana Berger MP and others from the Labour Party.
- The Labour Party has ~~received~~ investigated 673 cases of alleged anti-Semitism complaints in the last 10 months.
- The steps taken by the Labour Party to deal with these complaints including suspending/expelling over 100 members
- That there is a perception that the Labour Party has not moved quickly enough to deal with anti-Semitism.
- ~~The comments from Margaret Hodge MP on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 that she is "Not convinced" the Labour leadership is "serious on rooting out anti-Semitism".~~

This Council believes :

- All forms of racism and anti-Semitism should be condemned.
- We should stand shoulder to shoulder with our Jewish Community to drive out the scourge of anti-Semitism from society that has beset Her Majesty's Opposition.

This Council resolves :

- To instruct the Leader of the Council to
- write to the Leader of the Labour Party, Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn, calling upon him to take additional action to ensure anti-Semitism is taken seriously and properly robustly dealt with in the Labour Party.
- Write to the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, calling on the government to take action to address the worrying rise of anti-Semitism and racism across the country