
Meeting of the Cabinet – 6th January, 2020

Report of the Leader of the Council

Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism

Purpose

1. To consider the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

Recommendation

2. That the Cabinet consider and make a recommendation to the Council to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

Background

3. On 10th April, 2017, the Council passed the following resolution:

‘That this Council welcomes the UK Government’s recent announcement that it will sign up to the internationally recognised guidelines on antisemitism. This Council supports positive action to tackle antisemitism; this Council pledges to combat all forms of racism and discrimination and resolves that this commitment be fully reflected in the Council’s Equality and Diversity policies.’

4. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has written to all Council Leaders in England strongly urging the adoption of the IHRA definition. The letter from the Secretary of State is attached as Appendix 1.
5. The Working definition of antisemitism is set out in Appendix 2. This can be found on the [IHRA website](#). The Cabinet is requested to consider the formal adoption of this working definition and make a recommendation to the Council.



Finance

6. There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

Law

7. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

8. The Council supports positive action to tackle antisemitism and has pledged to combat all forms of racism and discrimination. The Council is committed to equality and diversity in all aspects of employment and service delivery. The adoption of the working definition would emphasise the message that antisemitic behaviour will not be tolerated by Dudley MBC.

Organisational Development / Transformation

9. The Council's commitment to equality and diversity is reflected in the Codes of Conduct for Members and Employees and other Council policies.

Commercial/Procurement

10. This report has no impact on the Council's ability to trade or on our customer base.

Health, Wellbeing and Safety

11. The Council is committed to building stronger, safer and more resilient communities in line with the Dudley Vision and protecting our residents' physical, and emotional health for the future.



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Leader of the Council

List of Background Documents

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Secretary of State
Appendix 2 – Working definition of antisemitism

[Minutes of the Council – 10th April, 2017](#)

