

REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION OF:	Council
DATE:	19 April 2017
SUBJECT:	Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Anti-Semitism
REPORT FROM:	Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Tom Houghton, Community Safety Manager
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE (KEY DECISION OR NON KEY DECISION)
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	A new definition of Anti-Semitism was adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest last year. It is proposed that Bury Council adopt this new definition.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<p>That Bury Council adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Anti-Semitism.</p> <p>That Bury Hate Crime Forum encourages all 3rd Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres to also adopt the definition.</p>
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	Executive Director of Resources to advise regarding risk management
Health and Safety Implications	None
Statement by Executive Director of Resources (including Health and Safety Implications)	As an equal opportunities organisation that embraces diversity, we are fully committed to preventing and reducing the levels of hate crime and we are fully committed to adopting the new definition of anti-semitism. We will

	ensure that this is fully communicated to and practised by all our staff and partner organisations.	
Equality/Diversity implications:	No	
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes	Comments
Wards Affected:	All	
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny	

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Our vision for Bury is one of a borough in which everyone can prosper, where there is respect and tolerance between our diverse communities within the borough and where the responsibilities of being a citizen of Bury is widely accepted.
- 1.2 Our aim in Bury has always been to prevent and reduce the levels of hate crime and ensure that victims and witnesses of hate crime are supported and offenders are brought to justice. Members of our communities work with us in addressing the challenges that arise in our borough and help us to recognise that we are at our strongest when we unite and work together.
- 1.3 This approach of working together has, over many years, helped a number of communities to increase their confidence to report hate crime. We stand together against all forms of prejudice and we and our partners will act when incidents take place. Given current national and international events it is now more pertinent than ever that we have this unified approach. From events in Hate Crime Awareness Week as well as training presentations in schools, we are giving our communities the power to tackle hate crime at source and bring about sustainable change.
- 1.4 A new definition of Anti-Semitism was adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest last year reads: **'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 towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.'

2.0 CONCLUSION

- 2.1 This description is a clear and practical working definition of Anti-Semitism, and adopting it will build further confidence within the Jewish community in Bury and across Greater Manchester that Anti-Semitism will not be tolerated.
- 2.2 Once agreed this definition will be taken to the Hate Crime Working Group and the Strategic Interfaith Group to encourage wider adoption by partner organisations and raise further awareness that hate Crime is not tolerated. Additionally, we propose to encourage 3rd Party Reporting Centres to also adopt the definition.

List of Background Papers:-

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