

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## Urgent Motion - Israel and Gaza

Submitted and accepted by the Mayor as urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Marland (13 October 2023)

- “1. That this Council:
  - a) expresses the deepest sympathy for all those in Israel affected by the Hamas terrorist attack on innocent men, women and children;
  - b) condemns the actions of Hamas and expresses total revulsion at the crimes that have been committed in the name of Palestinians; and
  - c) re-affirms our unbreakable belief that Israel has the right to exist as a peaceful democratic state in the Middle East without the constant threat of terrorist action and violence from those who do not believe that a state of Israel should exist and wish to eliminate all Jews from the region.
  
2. That this Council believes that:
  - a) Israel has a right to defend itself and take any action necessary to destroy Hamas, and any terrorist group, that commits crimes against civilians and bring perpetrators to justice;
  - b) all actions should be in accordance with International Law, protecting civilians from harm and providing aid and refuge to innocent people; and
  - c) democracies distinguish themselves from terrorists and dictatorships by observing the rule of law at all times, respecting human rights and protecting civilians from harm.
  
3. That this Council further believes that:
  - a) the only viable long-term solution for peace is a two-state solution with a secure Israel and viable state of Palestine;
  - b) terrorist acts do not further this aim;
  - c) the government of Israel should re-establish meaningful dialogue with the democratic institutions of the Palestinian Authority and establish a pathway to a lasting peace settlement;
  - d) all surrounding states and the International community have an equal obligation and duty to ensure a peaceful and stable region; and
  - e) we support the work in Milton Keynes of organisations such as the Council of Faiths to bring people from all backgrounds together to further the objectives of peace and understanding.