

Notice of Motion submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 5.27

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor M Hood, seconded by Councillor A Cope, on behalf of the Green Group:

Council is asked to

- (1) Recommit publicly to zero tolerance of antisemitism, Islamophobia, or any form of hate crime so that residents are reassured that Tonbridge and Malling is a welcoming and inclusive community for the followers of all faiths and none.
- (2) Encourage residents to report hate crime to the Police and through our website so it can be referred to the Community Safety Partnership so we can support anyone affected by hate crime and ensure that the Council fully engages with the National Hate Crime Awareness Week 14-21st October.
- (3) Explore how the Council can enhance its support and facilitate events for people of all faiths and none, where they can come together and express solidarity and sadness in response to the tragedies in Israel and Palestine.
- (4) Write to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth and Development Affairs, asking him to:
 - i. call for an immediate definitive ceasefire;
 - ii. the full resumption of humanitarian assistance and the release of all hostages;
 - iii. suspend all arms export licences to Israel.
 - iv. withdraw all public money from funds with investments in Israel; and end beneficial trade agreements with Israel (in the same vein as measures rightly taken against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine).
- (5) Request that Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee examines and reports on council investments in order to ascertain the degree to which these funds are invested in companies directly implicated in providing material support for the Israeli military, and to take steps to trigger divestment from these funds.