

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 70

Subject: Solidarity with our communities against hate

Date of meeting: 14 December 2023

Proposer: Councillor Leslie Pumm

Seconder: Councillor Bella Sankey

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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- 1) Brighton and Hove's status as a City of Sanctuary for all those fleeing persecution, conflict, hatred, and discrimination.
- 2) Brighton and Hove's longstanding, cross-party commitment to stand against hatred in all its forms.
- 3) ~~The concerns raised with us by impact of the situation in Israel and Palestine on our residents: Jewish, Muslim, people of all faiths and none, in regard to the loss of human life in Israel and in Palestine, and the need to offer support to all residents affected by events.~~ ***and particularly of our*** Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, Palestinian and Christian residents – some of whom we know have had family members and friends killed in recent weeks

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- 7) ~~Request that the council's communications department considers publicising our stance against hatred and the contact details of organisations who can~~

~~assist with the reporting of a hate crime, in liaison with the city's One Voice and Interfaith partners;~~

~~Request that the Chief Executive write to the Foreign Secretary urging the instigation of a refugee scheme designed to provide safe routes for all those fleeing violence in Israel and in Palestine, and to call on the government to support the release of all hostages, and to join urgent calls for a permanent ceasefire to prevent more loss of life.~~

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Recommendations to read if carried:

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