

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 23rd July, 2019

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

A) Climate Change

(Moved by Councillor Swindlehurst, seconded by Councillor Anderson)

“This Council notes the UK Government and Local Government Association’s declaration of a national ‘climate emergency’, recognises that there is a growing urgency for national and international action to combat climate change, and commits to developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan that will address the causes and consequences of climate change in Slough by tackling 5 key objectives:

- Reducing emissions from our estate and operations
- Reducing energy consumption and emissions by promoting energy efficiency measures, sustainable construction, renewable energy sources, and behaviour change
- Reducing emissions from transport by promoting sustainable transport, reducing car travel and traffic congestion, and encouraging behaviour change
- Reducing consumption of resources, increasing recycling and reducing waste
- Supporting council services, residents and businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change.”

B) Anti-Semitism

(Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Strutton)

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in anti-Semitism in Britain, and resolves to:

- a) Endorse Labour Leader, Cllr. Swindlehurst’s, statement in relation to the Slough Labour Party dated May 2019, as follows:

‘I always have and will continue to condemn anti-Semitism and discrimination in any form. It is a scourge and should be called out and rooted out wherever it is found in our society.

There is no space for anti-Semitism to exist or be perpetuated within Slough Labour Party'.

- b) Acknowledge anti-Semitism as a fundamental issue and hereby adopt the International Holocaust Alliance's definition of anti-Semitism;

'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 toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities'.

- c) Write to Slough MP Tan Dhesi, requesting him to lobby Jeremy Corbyn to follow Slough Labour Party's lead in taking action against anti-Semitism.
- d) Welcome cross-party support within the Council to challenge anti-Semitism in all its manifestations. Furthermore, as a consequence of rising anti-Semitism, commit to promoting religious harmony and tolerance through Slough's Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) to combat anti-Semitism.
- e) Withdraw Slough Borough Council funding from any organisation that practices or tolerates Anti-Semitism.