

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Formal Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-semitism
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	29 August 2017
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor Peter Soulsby
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>That having considered the possible implications, the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism as follows;</p> <p>“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.” be formally adopted by Leicester City Council.</p>
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide information about the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and the working definition used by the IHRA of anti-semitism, with the recommendation that Leicester City Council formally adopts the definition.</p> <p>The benefits of adopting a working definition of anti-Semitism are that it sets an example of responsible conduct and allows complaints and reports of hate crime to be handled uniformly, objectively and accountably. In addition, the absence of adoption of an accepted definition of antisemitism means that there is a possibility that public funding could be wasted on dealing with complaints from the general public which, if a definition were available, might not have been submitted. It can be seen as a tool to support the aim of tackling antisemitism, through coordinated international political action.</p>

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7.	<p>a) KEY DECISION Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n</p>	No
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	To adopt the definition To not adopt the definition
9.	DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer 	5 September
10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	