

Emergency Motion Response to escalating tensions between India and Pakistan – Motion as adjusted approved.

12 Bailie Hussain, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved that:-

“Council notes with deep concern the recent escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, which has resulted in violence, civilian casualties, and widespread fear within the region.

Council recognises the deep personal and emotional impact such international developments can have on Glasgow’s Indian, Pakistani, and wider South Asian communities, many of whom have family and cultural ties to the region.

Council reaffirms Glasgow’s proud tradition of international solidarity and peacebuilding, and condemns all forms of hatred, violence, and community division.

Council calls for:

- An immediate de-escalation of conflict and a return to peaceful dialogue in line with international law and UN resolutions.
- The UK Government and international partners to support diplomatic efforts and humanitarian assistance to those affected.
- Glasgow City Council to continue working with community organisations to promote cohesion and offer support to those distressed by the current situation.

Council expresses solidarity with all those affected by the conflict and commits to ensuring that Glasgow remains a place of safety, unity, and mutual respect for all communities.”

Councillor Massie, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved as an amendment:-

(1) after the first paragraph insert the following additional paragraph:

“Council recognises that decades of conflict between India and Pakistan have been focused on Kashmir and its people. That the Kashmiri people have a right to self-determination that has been recognised by three successive United Nations resolutions and that neither India, Pakistan or China have the right to continue to extend sovereignty over the region without the consent of the Kashmiri people. Council recognises that the Kashmir Conflict which has killed tens of thousands is part of the broader India-Pakistan conflict forced on the region and supports calls for a plebiscite in Kashmir as an answer to its political status - not war.”; and

(2) at the end of the second bullet point ending “...to those affected”, insert the following:

“and to support Kashmir’s right to self-determination in line with UN resolutions 47, 51 and 122.”

During the debate, Bailie Hussain and Councillor Massie, with the approval of their

seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Reaffirming Palestinian Solidarity

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Council recognises that decades of conflict between India and Pakistan have been focused on Kashmir and its people. That the Kashmiri people have a right to self-determination that has been recognised by three successive United Nations resolutions and that neither India, Pakistan or China have the right to continue to extend sovereignty over the region without the consent of the Kashmiri people. Council recognises that the Kashmir Conflict which has killed tens of thousands is part of the broader India-Pakistan conflict forced on the region and supports calls for a plebiscite in Kashmir as an answer to its political status - not war.

Council recognises the deep personal and emotional impact such international developments can have on Glasgow’s Indian, Pakistani, and wider South Asian communities, many of whom have family and cultural ties to the region.

Council reaffirms Glasgow’s proud tradition of international solidarity and peacebuilding, and condemns all forms of hatred, violence, and community division.

Council calls for:

- An immediate de-escalation of conflict and a return to peaceful dialogue in line with international law and UN resolutions.
- The UK Government and international partners to support diplomatic efforts and humanitarian assistance to those affected and to support Kashmir’s right to self-determination in line with UN resolutions 47, 51 and 122.
- Glasgow City Council to continue working with community organisations to promote cohesion and offer support to those distressed by the current situation.

Council expresses solidarity with all those affected by the conflict and commits to ensuring that Glasgow remains a place of safety, unity, and mutual respect for all communities.”

The motion, as adjusted, was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

13 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1300 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

14 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

JAMES ADAMS	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SAQIB AHMED	SEAN FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
SUSAN AITKEN	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
IMRAN ALAM	MARIE GARRITY	CHRISTY MEARNES
BLAIR ANDERSON	ZEN GHANI	ANGUS MILLAR
KEN ANDREW	ALLAN GOW	MALCOLM MITCHELL
ALEXANDER BELIC	WILLIAM GRAHAM	JON MOLYNEUX
RICHARD BELL	SHARON GREER	ROBERT MOONEY
DECLAN BLENCH	GREG HEPBURN	MARGARET MORGAN
EVA BOLANDER	FIONA HIGGINS	EVA MURRAY
ABDUL BOSTANI	SEONAD HOY	CECILIA O'LONE
PHILIP BRAAT	MHAIRI HUNTER	JILL PIDGEON
JILL BROWN	RASHID HUSSAIN	LINDA PIKE
HOLLY BRUCE	DAN HUTCHISON	DAVENA RANKIN
BILL BUTLER	FYEZA IKHLAQ	THOMAS RANNACHAN
CHRISTINA CANNON	EUNIS JASSEMI	GEORGE REDMOND
PAUL CAREY	ANN JENKINS	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ANTHONY CARROLL	LILITH JOHNSTONE	ROZA SALIH
JOHN CARSON	JIM KAVANAGH	FRANNY SCALLY
ALLAN CASEY	RUAIRI KELLY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	ALEX KERR	KIERAN TURNER
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	THOMAS KERR	CATHERINE VALLIS
STEPHEN CURRAN	PAUL LEINSTER	MARTHA WARDROP
FEARGAL DALTON	PAUL MCCABE	ALEX WILSON
AUDREY DEMPSEY	ELAINE McDOUGALL	
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	DONNA McGILL	
LAURA DOHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD	

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Apologies: John Daly and Frank McAveety.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Democratic Services; S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.