

Conflict in Gaza – Donation to Medical Aid for Palestine approved - Dissent.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 28th March 2024 (Print 1, page 24) approving a motion in relation to the conflict in Gaza and requesting this committee to consider a financial donation to the UK based charity Medical Aid for Palestine, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Finance regarding a proposed donation to Medical Aid for Palestine, advising that

- (1) although the Council was not authorised to provide direct relief to communities abroad, it was able to make donations to UK based charities and this committee on 10th March 2022 (Print 7, page 514) had approved a donation of £20,000 to the Disasters Emergencies Committee to fund its member charities' UK-based activities, in recognition of the considerable strain the crisis in Ukraine was placing on the resources of these charities; and
- (2) it was proposed that a donation of the same value as that made to the Disasters Emergencies Committee, be made to Medical Aid for Palestine, a UK based charity which currently ran an emergency appeal to support the provision of medical supplies, emergency food and humanitarian aid in Gaza.

After consideration, the committee, Bailie Thomas Kerr dissenting, agreed that a donation of £20,000 be made to Medical Aid for Palestine to fund its activities, in recognition of the considerable additional strain placed on the resources of UK based charities by the conflict in Gaza.