

Emergency motion Palestine Action – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

9 Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that

“Council recognises Glasgow’s proud tradition of standing up against apartheid and injustice around the world, as evidenced through Glaswegians’ involvement in the Anti-Apartheid Movement and support for Nelson Mandela.

Council recognises Glaswegians have continued that tradition in standing up against apartheid in Palestine through regular peaceful protests, including protests which target those who are considered by some to be complicit in the genocide being committed in Gaza.

Council condemns the UK Government’s intention to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist group. Council believes this is a pathetic, authoritarian over-reaction to spray paint-based peaceful protest against the UK Government’s active military support for the genocide in Gaza.

Council supports those - including those in Glasgow - who peacefully protest in support of the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination. Council believes that if Palestine Action are proscribed as a terror group that this would constitute an unacceptable attack on the right to protest and would support Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in not charging or prosecuting peaceful protestors.

Council asks the Leader of the Council to urgently write to the Home Secretary to convey the Council’s strong objections to the proscription of Palestine Action. Council also asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Lord Advocate asking her to consider the appropriateness of issuing non-prosecution guidance on this matter as she has rightly done previously for other unjust decisions of UK Governments.”

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment

(1) at paragraph 5,

- (a) delete ‘Council asks the Leader of the Council to urgently write to the Home Secretary’, and replace with

“Council requests that the Leader of the Council to urgently write to the Home Secretary”; and

- (b) delete “Council also asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Lord Advocate asking her to consider the appropriateness of issuing non-prosecution guidance on this matter as she has rightly done previously for other unjust decisions of UK Governments.”, and replace with

“Council requests that the Leader of the Council to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice seeking her views on this decision by the UK

Government and asking her whether she intends to engage with the Lord Advocate around the issuing of non-prosecution guidance.”

Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Butler, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:

“Council condemns the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and reiterates its call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the release of all hostages, unimpeded access to humanitarian aid, and a political solution that recognises the rights and security of both Palestinians and Israelis.

Council recognises the deep concern held by many in society over the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and supports the right to free and fair demonstration in accordance with democratic principles.”

During the debate, Councillor Anderson and Councillor Bell, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Council recognises Glasgow’s proud tradition of standing up against apartheid and injustice around the world, as evidenced through Glaswegians’ involvement in the Anti-Apartheid Movement and support for Nelson Mandela.

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Council requests that the Leader of the Council to urgently write to the Home Secretary to convey the Council’s strong objections to the proscription of Palestine Action. Council requests that the Leader of the Council to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice seeking her views on this decision by the UK Government and asking her whether she intends to engage with the Lord Advocate around the issuing of non-prosecution guidance.”

On a vote being taken electronically and by calling the roll, 31 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Adams and 47 for the motion as adjusted with 1 abstention.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

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

Resumption of meeting.

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

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

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

Apology: Thomas Kerr.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Democratic Services; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive

Director of Finance; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance