

## **Adoption of APPG Definition of Islamophobia – Motion, as adjusted, approved.**

**8** Councillor Ghani, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved that:-

“Glasgow has a strong recent history of, and flourishing reputation for, promoting cohesion and welcoming people from all over the world. Council reaffirms our determination to oppose racism and discrimination in all the forms in which they manifest themselves in Glasgow’s daily life, institutions and wider society. Glasgow is proud of its growing diversity and this Council views this as an asset and source of great strength.

Council recognises that Glasgow has been home to a significant Muslim population for generations and that our Muslim citizens are an integral part of all aspects of city life.

Council unequivocally condemns prejudice and intolerance in all forms. Council therefore welcomes, endorses and adopts the working APPG (All-Party Parliamentary Group) definition of Islamophobia, including all of its examples in full, cited as follows:

- “Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.
- Contemporary examples of Islamophobia in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in encounters between religions and non-religions in the public sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:
  - Calling for, aiding, instigating or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of a racist/ fascist ideology, or an extremist view of religion.
  - Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims as such, or of Muslims as a collective group, such as, especially but not exclusively, conspiracies about Muslim entryism in politics, government or other societal institutions; the myth of Muslim identity having a unique propensity for terrorism, and claims of a demographic “threat” posed by Muslims or of a “Muslim takeover”.
  - Accusing Muslims as a group of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group of Muslim individuals, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.
  - Accusing Muslims as a group, or Muslim majority states, of inventing or exaggerating Islamophobia, ethnic cleansing or genocide perpetrated against Muslims.
  - Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the “Ummah” (transnational Muslim community) or to their countries of origin, or to the

alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

- Denying Muslim populations the right to self-determination eg. by claiming that the existence of an independent Palestine or Kashmir is a terrorist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of Muslims behaviours that are not expected or demanded of any other groups in society, eg. loyalty tests.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic Islamophobia (eg. Muhammad being a paedophile, claims of Muslims spreading Islam by the sword or subjugating “Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.” minority groups under their rule) to characterize Muslims as being “sex groomers”, inherently violent or incapable of living harmoniously in plural societies.
- Holding Muslims collectively responsible for the actions of any Muslim majority state, whether secular or constitutionally Islamic.”

Council agrees to continue to tackle hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership with communities, Police Scotland and other stakeholders. Council further agrees as a first step to support Islamophobia Awareness Month in November 2022 to bring understanding and attention to the scourge of Islamophobia and encourage better reporting of incidents to the police. Council also instructs that a paper be brought to Safe Glasgow detailing how the APPG definition can be embedded in its work and consider how Safe Glasgow can raise awareness of crime motivated by prejudice on the grounds of actual or perceived religion.”

Councillor Ahmed, seconded by Councillor Siddique, moved as an amendment that the following paragraphs be added after all aspects of city life”:-

“Council notes the vile racist and Islamophobic abuse recently targeted at pupils of St. Albert’s Primary School in the City and condemns that abuse unreservedly. Council reiterates its belief that racism has no place in our City, and expresses its wholehearted support to the affected pupils, teachers, staff and wider community affected by these comments.

Council further notes the publication of the ‘Report of the inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland’ by the Tackling Islamophobia CPG which found that of Muslim respondents 82% with a Glasgow postcode identified that Islamophobia is getting worse. Respondents said that these incidents happened at work, at school, at college or university. Taken together, this demonstrates that Glasgow still has much to do to tackle the scourge of racism.”

Councillor Ghani, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Ahmed resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion, as adjusted, was approved.

### **Adjournment.**

**9** In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1300 hours until 1345 hours.

## Resumption of meeting.

10 The meeting resumed at 1345 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SUSAN AITKEN	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
IMRAM ALAM	SEAN FERGUSON	HANZALA MALIK
BLAIR ANDERSON	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
KEN ANDREW	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNIS
ALEXANDER BELIC	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
RICHARD BELL	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
DECLAN BLENCH	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX
EVA BOLANDER	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY
ABDUL BOSTANI	FIONA HIGGINS	MARGARET MORGAN
PHILIP BRAAT	RASHID HUSSAIN	EVA MURRAY
JILL BROWN	DAN HUTCHISON	CECILIA O'LONE
HOLLY BRUCE	FYEZA IKHLAQ	KEIRAN O'NEILL
MAUREEN BURKE	EUNIS JASSEMI	JILL PIDGEON
BILL BUTLER	ANN JENKINS	LINDA PIKE
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	JIM KAVANAGH	HANIF RAJA
CHRISTINA CANNON	RUAIRI KELLY	THOMAS RANNACHAN
PAUL CAREY	ALEX KERR	GEORGE REDMOND
ANTHONY CARROLL	MATT KERR	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ALLAN CASEY	THOMAS KERR	ROZA SALIH
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	KEVIN LALLEY	FRANNY SCALLY
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	PAUL LEINSTER	JAMES SCANLON
STEPHEN CURRAN	FRANK McAVEETY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
FEARGAL DALTON	PAUL MCCABE	KIERAN TURNER
JOHN DALY	ELAINE McDOUGALL	CATHERINE VALLIS
AUDREY DEMPSEY	KENNY McLEAN	MARTHA WARDROP
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD	ALEX WILSON
LAURA DOHERTY		

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Apology: Lilith Johnstone.

Attending: E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships.