

Daneshill House  
Danstrete  
Stevenage  
Hertfordshire

9 October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington  
Chief Executive

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### **AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2. MINUTES - 25 JULY 2018**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 July 2018.

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**3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before Council.

**4. MAIN DEBATE - CREATING A 21ST CENTURY YOUTH COUNCIL**

To receive a presentation from the Stevenage Youth Council.

**5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

None.

**7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE**

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council. The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

## **9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor S Taylor OBE CC –

This Council adopts the full IHRA definition of anti-semitism, together with its examples, as follows.

“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.”

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.

- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

**Anti-Semitic acts are criminal** when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of anti-Semitic materials in some countries).

**Criminal acts are anti-Semitic** when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

**Anti-Semitic discrimination** is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

#### 10. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Question from Councillor Ann Webb:

“How many Council houses has Stevenage Borough Council built since 2016?”

#### 11. **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF 2017/18 INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL CODE**

The report circulated at item 11 was considered by the Executive on 5 September 2018 when the following recommendation to Council was agreed:

1. That the 2017/18 Annual Treasury Management Strategy be recommended to Council for approval.

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#### 12. **AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To note the minutes from the Audit Committee meetings held on 26 July 2018 and 12 September 2018.

Minutes attached – Item 12A and 12B.

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