

## **COUNCIL – 18 OCTOBER 2023 – URGENT CROSS-PARTY GROUP MOTION**

### **ISRAEL AND GAZA**

To be moved by Councillor Richard Henry and jointly seconded by Councillors Phil Bibby and Stephen Booth.

“This Council is united in expressing our deep shock and sadness at the act of terrorism perpetrated by Hamas on Israel on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with all the innocent people in Israel and Gaza now caught up in the escalating violence.

We also recognise that there may be Stevenage residents who have family, friends or loved ones facing danger and we offer our heartfelt support and solidarity to our residents during these troubling times.

This Council resolves to:

1. Express solidarity with the innocent people directly affected by the ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza.
2. Encourage and support good relations between our own Stevenage communities at this time of immense international tension to maintain community cohesion.”