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Request:

Please could you let me know whether your Council has joined over 200 other councils in adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of Antisemitism as requested by the then Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government in January 2017? If so, please could you point me to the decision. If not, please could you let me know if the council leadership (including the Leader and/or Portfolio holder) plan on adopting the definition in the near future.

Response:

The Council's Corporate Equality Steering Group agreed to adopt the definition in November 2017. At the time of the decision the Deputy Leader who was also the Portfolio Holder for equality and diversity sat on this group.

Extract from the CESG minutes:

8.0	<p>Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism</p> <p>Details of definition and request previously received through an FOI circulated.</p> <p>Group agree to adopt definition and record in annual statement.</p> <p>However GB to source copy of original letter sent to Leader in January 2017 to ensure that correct process for adoption is followed.</p> <p>Action: GB to source letter from either DCLG or SWEN colleagues.</p> <p>Decision to adopt to be recorded in annual Public Sector</p>	GB
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It was also included in the Public Sector Equality Duty Return in January 2018. Below is an extract from the Public Sector Equality Duty Return (full published document attached):

'In 2017, the council adopted the following non-legally binding [working definition of antisemitism](#): "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.'"

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