

## **Motion on IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism**

**Leadership Board, Tuesday 3 March 2020**

**Proposer: Cllr Iain Malcolm**

**Resolved unanimously that:**

The North East Combined Authority recognises:

- 1.1 The leadership already shown by the NECA constituent authorities in addressing anti-Semitism within their areas and their previous acknowledgement of the seriousness of religious or cultural intolerance.
- 1.2 The NECA constituent authorities have already acknowledged the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism which is supported by the major representative bodies of the Jewish Community including the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Leadership Council and the European Jewish Congress.
- 1.3 That a vast amount of work is taking place across the NECA area to support and celebrate the cultural and religious differences within our communities.

**In recognition of the seriousness of anti-Semitism, the North East Combined Authority resolves to:**

- i. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism which reads:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish community institutions and religious facilities”;
- ii. Continue to support and celebrate the cultural and religious differences within our communities;
- iii. Working with other partners to take a zero-tolerance approach to religious and cultural discrimination within our communities.