
NOTICE OF MOTION – CONDEMNATION OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND HATE CRIMES

To: **Council – 14 July 2016**

By: **Committee Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All Wards**

Summary: **To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to the condemnation of racism, xenophobia and hate crimes.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1. The following motion has been received from Councillor Johnston in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country.

Thanet District Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

This Council will continue to work to ensure local bodies and programmes have the support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Thanet they are valued members of our community.”

2.0 Options

- 2.1 To debate the motion
- 2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

- 3.1.1 None arising directly from this report

3.2 Legal

- 3.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” (*rules of debate*)

3.2.2 However, as only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall if the Council does not agree to debate it.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None arising directly from this report

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion, and if it does so, whether or not to agree the motion.

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Annex List

None	
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Joanna Miller, Head of Finance
Legal	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal Services