



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion on Anti-Semitism
<b>Date:</b>	25th January 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the definition of anti-Semitism as outlined in the "Motion of Definition of Anti-Semitism" in accordance with the decision to refer the matter back to committee at Council on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	That consideration of the definition of anti-Semitism as outlined in the Notice of Motion be referred to the Shared City Partnership for deliberation.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, it was agreed that the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 14 <sup>th</sup> December, under the heading "Motion –

	Definition of Anti-Semitism”, insofar as it relates to the definition of anti-Semitism, be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.
3.2	In the original motion which had been proposed at the Council meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018 by Councillor Craig and seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was requested that the following definition of anti-Semitism be adopted:
3.3	<i>“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”</i>
3.4	In the meantime, correspondence has been received from the Belfast Jewish Community asking that their submission be considered as part of the report. A copy of the correspondence is attached at Appendix 1.
3.5	Members may wish to refer the matter to the Shared City Partnership for deliberation after which it will then be brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.
3.3	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> There are no direct resource implications in terms of staff time or additional costs associated with this item.
3.4	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> All Council Strategies and policies are screened to look at the impact of such a policy or Strategy on groups listed under Section 75 which includes different religious, political or racial backgrounds. If a policy is deemed to have a potentially negative impact, then the Council must explore mitigating actions to alleviate the negative impact.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Copy of submission from the Belfast Jewish Community