

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decision taken by Cllr Ms Katrina Wood Executive Leader of the Council

The Member has taken the following decision.

The decision will take effect on 29 March 2017.

Title

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism

Decision Taken

That the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism be adopted.

Date of Publication

21 March 2017

Reasons for Decision

In December 2016, the Government formally adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism; the first European Union country to do so.

The definition, although legally non-binding, is an important tool for public bodies to understand how anti-Semitism manifests itself in the 21st Century, as it gives examples of the kind of behaviours which depending on the circumstances could constitute anti-Semitism. The definition is as follows.

“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.”

The full text of the definition can be found at:

https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press_release_document_antisemitism.pdf

We are well aware that anti-Semitism continues to be a problem in this country. It is therefore right that, as a Council, we are able to demonstrate the seriousness with which we take it, as for all forms of hate crime. Anti-Semitism must be understood for what it is – an attack on the identity of people who live, contribute and are valued in our society. In light of this, as Leader, I formally adopt the definition so that the Council considers its application in our projects and services.

Consultation Undertaken

No public consultation has been undertaken.

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