

## **16. Labour Group Amendment - Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to A Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza**

Amendment submitted in the names of Councillor Butt and Councillor Scott

### **Under ‘This Council notes...’**

1. Delete text after Gaza and add  
“are internationally-recognised as being under illegal occupation” by Israel; and  
that Gaza has been subject to 16 years of blockade”
2. Delete text after essential and add” humanitarian resources from Gaza which has  
resulted in starvation and the denial of medicines to innocent civilians;”
3. Retain Paragraph 3;  
Delete paragraphs 4 and 5 and replace with;
4. “The intentional directing of attacks against a civilian population who are not  
taking part in hostilities – or civilian objects which are not military objectives – are  
defined as war crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal  
Court;
5. That the BBC reports that nearly 100,000 buildings have been damaged in Gaza.  
These include schools, hospitals, and civilian properties – and a number of  
civilian hospitals have been rendered non-functional due to damage and a  
blockade on energy and fuel.”
6. Delete text after refugees and add “who then flee, which further compounds  
challenges in the asylum system;”  
Delete paragraph 7 and add;
7. “The deep concern expressed about the conflict in Gaza and Israel by tens of  
thousands of people across Kirkcaldy.
8. That the Hamas attacks on 7 October were the deadliest attack on the Jewish  
Community since the end of the Holocaust;
9. That around 240 civilian hostages were taken by Hamas in their attack on 7  
October – and many are still being held hostage today.
10. That the Geneva convention defines ‘the taking of hostages’ as ‘grave breaches’  
and are defined as War Crimes by Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the  
International Criminal Court.
11. That all nations have a right to self-determination and self-defence, but these  
must be conducted within international law.”

### **Under “This Council believes...”**

1. Delete text after condemned and add; “in the strongest possible terms and  
investigated by the appropriate international authorities.”
2. Delete paragraph 2 and replace with  
“That the ceasefire which was secured between 24 and 30 November – whilst a  
number of hostages were released – provided a much-needed respite for  
desperate civilians and aid agencies in Gaza and demonstrated that hostilities  
can cease if there is the political will by the actors in the region to do so.”  
Delete paragraphs 3,4,5 and 6 and replace with;
3. “All political leaders have a responsibility to try to prevent genocide, such as the  
annihilation of the civilian population of Gaza, Hamas, and the Houthis  
movement’s call for the annihilation of Jewish people and any other innocent

civilian population facing such appalling circumstances.

4. All forms of racism, including anti-Palestinian racism, antisemitism and Islamophobia have no place in Kirklees and we condemn any attacks on Palestinian, Jewish or Muslim people;
5. That Hamas do not represent the Palestinian people – and the Palestinian people are not Hamas.
6. That Hamas must release all hostages and all attacks on civilians, whether they be Israel or Palestinian must end.
7. That the UK has a historic role in this conflict and therefore has a responsibility to play its part in supporting the innocent civilians caught up in this conflict now and trying to secure a long-term peace.
8. In the long term there can only be a political solution to this crisis.
9. The hard work of talks for a two-state solution of a safe and viable Palestinian state alongside a safe and secure Israel must be restarted immediately to deliver a permanent peace.”

**Under “This Council resolves to ...” delete text after resolves and add**

1. “Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the UK government, requesting it to call for a ceasefire, the release of all hostages and for the UK government to use its position on the global stage to advocate not just for a ceasefire, but for a lasting peace with a two-state solution - and for the UK government to vote in this manner at the United Nations; as well as calling for a review of all UK arms sales.
2. Re-state its commitment to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Antisemitism and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia, as part of its commitment to eradicating racism and discrimination from our communities.”