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**Council Motions**

**Wards:** All

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**Report summary**

Motions and amendments submitted by Councillors, in accordance with Council's Committee Rules and Procedures are set out below.

**Key to shading:**

**Bold – additions**

~~Strikethrough~~ – deletions

**Motion 1: Green**

**Windrush and the Government's hostile environment**

Council notes that:

Lambeth residents are part of the historic struggle for equality in this country and that those of the Commonwealth diaspora - the Windrush generation, their descendants and families - have played a crucial role in shaping our borough. Our diversity makes us strong, and is to be celebrated.

The Windrush scandal has brought to prominence the Government's 'hostile environment' policy which is having a terrible impact on many Lambeth residents. Detaining and deporting members of the Windrush Generation and their descendants is a betrayal and a shame on this government and our country. The UK's immigration detention system is not fit for purpose and the Government must end immigration detention. Anyone whose grandparents and parents are here has the right to reunite with their family.

Despite the Government's apology for the Windrush scandal many of the Windrush generation, their descendants and families are still suffering great hardship. Children, grandchildren and family members from Commonwealth countries who joined their families in the UK after 1st

January 1973 are still facing detention and deportation. They have not been included in the Government's apologies or measures to put right this wrong.

Despite the establishment of the Government's Windrush taskforce Windrush citizens are still being forced to wait months for their immigration cases to be resolved despite a government pledge to process them in two weeks. The Home Office's response is chaotic and is forcing people into distress and destitution.

Council believes that:

It is unacceptable that older members of the Windrush generation are spending their last years alone in care homes because their own children and grandchildren are not allowed back into the country, or that families continue to be separated as a consequence of racist immigration policies.

It is unacceptable that those who have lived and worked here for decades are the subject of immigration raids and harassment. Those who work in our hospitals, schools and other parts of the public sector should not be made into border guards in sweeping measures that have criminalised entire communities.

It is unacceptable that people have to go through all of the bureaucratic processes of different departments such the Department for Work and Pensions and Home Office, to get their lives back on track.

No one from the Windrush Generation, their descendants or families should be charged additional fees for naturalisation or passport applications. Additional hardship payments should be issued to those who need them.

Council will:

(i) Support the campaign calling for the government to widen the Windrush Scheme (#WidenWindrush) to include descendants and family members who came to the UK after 1st January 1973, publicise the legal challenge to the discrimination against Windrush descendants who arrived after that date, and call on MPs and other Councils to support this campaign.

(ii) Support the call for fees for naturalisation to be waived for all those who have been affected; call on the Prime Minister to commission a public inquiry into the Windrush scandal; actively campaign for an end to the 'hostile environment' policy and indefinite detention, and oppose the criminalisation of Windrush families.

(iii) Call on the Government to ensure that the Windrush taskforce becomes a 'one stop shop' for the Windrush Generation, their descendants and families. That would mean that in one place people would not only get their residence permit but also their British passport and their welfare benefits/pensions reinstated.

(iv) Set up a working group that will explore the impact of immigration policies on Lambeth residents who are members, descendants or close family members of the Windrush generation, champion and secure their rights, and come forward with proposals to ensure Lambeth residents do not continue to suffer from the Hostile Environment policy.

(v) Review the Council's policies and procedures to ensure the Council supports those affected to the fullest extent possible, including fully supporting advice agencies and local community organisations in Lambeth in their work to achieve justice for all Lambeth residents of the Windrush generation.

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**Lambeth spearheaded the Windrush 70 campaign to celebrate the contributions of the Windrush generation to our borough and the UK. Local designers created the official Windrush 70 logo and commemorative pin. Community efforts supported by The Voice ran a series of events to celebrate the Windrush generation including the fantastic Harry Jacobs A Snapshot of Brixton: Exhibition, talks by the Windrush Foundation and an exhibition at Clapham South underground.**

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**The Lambeth community played a key role in raising awareness of the shocking scandal and supporting residents affected. The Black Cultural Archives held surgeries to support those affected by Windrush immigration concerns. Cllr Sonia Winifred has been working with residents affected for a number of years. In 2017 she wrote to the Home Office and**

**Jamaica High Commissioner urging the government to take action. Earlier this year, Leader of the Council Cllr Lib Peck wrote jointly with Chuka Umunna MP and Helen Hayes MP to the Prime Minister calling on the government to rectify the appalling situation. Helen Hayes MP has raised the scandal in Parliament on numerous occasions.**

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## **Motion 2: Labour**

### **People's Vote**

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Further notes:

The effect of Brexit on our economy, on the costs in the construction market which affects the building of affordable homes, and on the numbers of EU workers coming to support our public services is already having significant negative effects on our borough

The Lambeth Labour manifesto pledged to "fight for the rights of EU citizens, and membership of the single market and customs union"

The Conservative Government's Brexit plans are a shambles and are unpopular across the political spectrum. As a result, it is becoming increasingly likely that the UK will crash out of the EU with a disastrous 'No Deal' that has no public support.

This Council resolves to:

Support the campaign for a People's vote on the terms of the UK's exit from the European Union and to build support in whatever ways are practical.

To call on the government to abandon any plans for a hard Brexit and to give the British people a vote on whatever deal is finally negotiated alongside the opportunity for a vote on keeping the many benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union

To write to our local MPs and the Brexit secretary informing them that Lambeth Council has passed this motion in support of a People's Vote.

To join other London Councils in congratulating the Mayor of London in publicly backing a people's vote

Continue supporting and lobbying the government to protect the rights of EU Citizens in Lambeth and across the country

## **Amendment 1: Conservative**

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This Council notes that:

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Lambeth council has lobbied the government to protect the rights of the more than 30,000 European citizens in Lambeth, **whilst next-door Conservative Wandsworth has set up an advice line, email and drop-in service, and arranged law seminars for EU citizens.**

**Meanwhile** the Leader of the Council Cllr Lib Peck wrote to the Prime Minister in a joint letter with 21 other London council leaders urging her to **has** guaranteed the rights of EU citizens, **saying on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018:**

**'... There are over 3 million EU citizens living in the UK who will be understandably worried about what the outcome of yesterday's summit means for their future. I want to be clear with you that even in the event of no deal your rights will be protected. You are our friends, our neighbours, our colleagues. We want you to stay.'**

Lambeth Council Introduced a passport return service, allowing EU nationals to keep their passport while they apply for British citizenship, **yet charges the highest price in the whole of London, undermining Labour councillors' pretence at helping EU residents.**

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**The vote by the people of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union means that the Conservative Government's Brexit plans are ongoing a shambles and are unpopular**

~~across the political spectrum. As a result, it is becoming increasingly likely that the UK will crash out of the EU with a disastrous 'No Deal' that has no public support.~~

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To call on the government to ~~abandon any plans for a hard Brexit and to give the British people a vote on whatever deal is finally negotiated alongside the opportunity for a vote on keeping the many benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.~~

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To join other London Councils in ~~congratulating~~ **requiring** the Mayor of London ~~in~~ **to stop** publicly wasting time backing a **vote against the democratic will of the people's vote, but to focus on ending the deaths of young people in London, and to fulfil his broken manifesto promises to increase police numbers, build affordable housing, not increase TfL fares, have no strikes on TfL, plant 2 million trees and make London run on green energy.**

Continue supporting and ~~lobbying~~ the government to protect the rights of EU Citizens in Lambeth and across the country

## **Amendment 2: Green**

### **People's Vote**

This Council notes that:

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Lambeth council has lobbied the government to protect the rights of the more than 30,000 European citizens in Lambeth, and the Leader of the Council Cllr Lib Peck wrote to the Prime Minister in a joint letter with 21 other London council leaders urging her to guarantee the rights of EU citizens.

Lambeth Council introduced a passport return service, allowing EU nationals to keep their passport while they apply for British citizenship, **but sadly closed it on 4th May 2018.**

Further notes:

The effect of Brexit on our economy, on the costs in the construction market which affects the building of affordable homes, and on the numbers of EU workers coming to support our public services is already having significant negative effects on our borough

The Lambeth Labour manifesto pledged to "fight for the rights of EU citizens, and membership of the single market and customs union" **and the Green Party manifesto pledged to campaign for the "right to vote on the final terms of the Brexit deal, including an option to stay in the EU.**

The Conservative Government's Brexit plans are a shambles and are unpopular across the political spectrum. As a result, it is becoming increasingly likely that the UK will crash out of the EU with a disastrous 'No Deal' that has no public support.

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### **Motion 3: Conservative**

#### **Adopting the IHRA definition of anti-semitism and its examples without amendment or omission**

Recently the Labour party under the Leadership of Jeremy Corbyn has been accused of anti-semitism and racism, and the views of Jeremy Corbyn have received support from Nick Griffin of the racist British National Party, and David Duke of the racist Klu Klux Klan in America. A Labour councillor in Lambeth has admitted to posting anti-semitic material before he became a councillor.

In order to reassure Jewish residents and other minority communities living in Lambeth, council agrees to adopt the following non-legally binding working definition of anti-semitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, including its examples, without amendment or omission:

“Anti-semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-semitic. Anti-semitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of anti-semitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
  - Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
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- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
  - Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
  - Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
  - Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
  - Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
  - Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
  - Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
  - Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
  - Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Anti-semitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of anti-semitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are anti-semitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Anti-semitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.’

Council hereby adopts the above definition of anti-Semitism unamended, as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.

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#### **Motion 4: Labour**

#### **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of antisemitism**

This council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. We therefore welcome the UK Government’s decision to sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism as:

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The guidelines highlight manifestations of antisemitism as including:

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**Council recognises that even Kenneth S Stern, the person who drafted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, has condemned the use of the IHRA definition to curb freedom of speech.** This Council hereby adopts the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, **along with the Home Affairs Select Committee on Antisemitism in the UK recommendations that:**

- **It is not antisemitic to criticise the Government of Israel, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent.**
- **It is not antisemitic to hold the Israeli Government to the same standards as other liberal democracies, or to take a particular interest in the Israeli Government’s policies or actions, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent.**

**This Council resolves to engage with local Jewish community groups and organisations and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.**