

## Notice of Motion

### Motion to be moved by Councillor Wareing:

Council recognises the University of Hull is a leading institution in identifying and combating breaches of international law by investigating state crimes via ISCI, and developing teaching legal doctrine in international Justice and Humanitarian Law.

Council further recognises there are residents in the City who have personal, family, or cultural ties to Gaza or Israel and may be suffering distress.

Council:

1. expresses its outrage at proposals by the Israeli Government to indefinitely occupy Gaza;
2. condemns the plans for the further forced displacement of Palestinians;
3. affirms its belief that, if realised, these would constitute clear breaches of international law;
4. notes with immense concern that these proposals will only make it more difficult to ensure the remaining Israeli hostages in Hamas' captivity will return to Israel safely, and
5. believes that these measures will not bring more long-term security to Israel.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, outlining the contents of this Motion, and urging the Government to:

1. commit to banning the export of all UK arms to Israel to ensure no UK weapons can be used to perpetrate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
2. sanction the extremist Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, who actively promote expansion into the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and
3. immediately recognise the State of Palestine, as a way of giving hope to millions of Palestinians and affirming their right to self-determination.

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