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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>       |           | Council  |     |
| <b>DATE:</b>            |           | 07 March 2024  |     |
| <b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>   |           | Julian Joinson, Head of Member Services  |     |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> |           | Motions for Debate at Council -<br>1. Israel/Palestine Conflict<br>2. Motion on Potential Link Road<br>3. Whinney Hill Waste Transfer Site<br>4. An Option Engineering Study at Hare and Hounds Junction<br>5. Economic Strategy |     |
| <b>EXEMPT REPORT:</b>   | <b>No</b> |  |     |
| <b>KEY DECISION:</b>    | <b>No</b> | If yes, date of publication:   | N/A |

The Council will be asked to consider the following motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

**1. Israel/Palestine Conflict**

Council notes:

1. The continuing rising death toll, starvation of Gaza citizens, displacement and devastation to homes, infrastructure and environment in Gaza and the continuing threat of escalation beyond Israel, Gaza and the occupied territories.
2. That the International Court of Justice interim ruling in January stated that Israel must 'take all measures within its power' to prevent all acts contravening the genocide convention and must immediately improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. That the court also called for the immediate, unconditional release of all hostages.
3. That the UN General Assembly gave overwhelming backing to calls for a ceasefire and for parties' compliance with international law and the release of all hostages.
4. To date, around 70 percent of those killed have been women and children.

Council believes:

1. Residents in our district/area are rightly concerned about the situation in the Middle East, its impact directly on people in our communities and upon community relations, and the rising tide of incidents of both anti-semitism and islamophobia.
2. That the UK, and communities within the UK have the right and the duty to speak out and

to take steps that can bring pressure to bear towards a ceasefire, the release of all hostages, the free flow of humanitarian aid and creation of space for dialogue towards a lasting settlement. That by refusing to call for an immediate ceasefire, and by continuing to allow the export of military hardware essential to the Israeli offensive the UK government and Labour Party have made itself complicit in the killing.

Council resolves to write to the UK Prime Minister and Leader of the UK Labour Party:

1. Calling on the UK government and Labour Party to demand that Israel stop the killing and implement an immediate ceasefire and that Hamas must also agree to this ceasefire and release all hostages. Call on the UK government to suspend all arms export licences to Israel until the killing stops, and to cease all military collaboration with Israel, including allowing Israeli use of British bases and RAF intelligence flights over Gaza. Similarly to the measures rightly taken against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine, we further call on the UK government and Labour Party to back calls for Israel to be suspended from international sporting and music events, and to withdraw all public money from funds with investments in Israel; and end beneficial trade arrangements with Israel.
2. We believe we can increase the pressure on Israeli leaders by introducing targeted sanctions against key individuals. This would include travel bans and asset freezes on Israel's leadership and cabinet members, in particular those calling for new settlements in Gaza and the annexation of the West Bank. "Finally, we would encourage UK authorities including the Metropolitan Police and Director of Public Prosecutions to pursue perpetrators of war crimes committed where UK citizens are the victims or where UK citizens are potential perpetrators.

**Proposer: Cllr Paddy Short**

**Seconder: Cllr Caroline Montague**

*Submitted on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (23:40)*

## **2. Motion on Potential Link Road**

That this Council resolves to write to the Government and Lancashire County Council to make the case for a link road potentially connecting the M65 to Great Harwood, aimed at alleviating congestion on Whalley Road in Clayton-le-Moors.

The congestion on Whalley Road in Clayton-le-Moors poses significant challenges for the borough, and this will only increase as additional development takes place.

**Proposer: Cllr Noordad Aziz**

**Seconder: Cllr Melissa Fisher**

*Submitted on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10:41)*

### **3. Whinney Hill Waste Transfer Site**

This Council recognises the threat to borough councils in East Lancashire that the potential closure of Whinney Hill Tip poses in 2026. Such a closure would mean that non-recyclable waste would need to be transferred to Leyland, at significant increased cost.

This Council understands that East Lancashire Members of Parliament have written to Lancashire County Council requesting a meeting on this subject.

Hyndburn Borough Council resolves to support any solution that would see Lancashire County Council invest in waste transfer in East Lancashire and will additionally write to Lancashire County Council seeking a solution.

**Proposer: Cllr Steven Smithson**

**Seconder: Cllr Loraine Cox**

*Submitted on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (11:53)*

### **4. An Option Engineering Study at Hare and Hounds Junction**

This Council welcomes the £494 million investment in Lancashire's transport infrastructure thanks to savings from the northern leg of HS2.

The Council resolves to support the efforts of Hyndburn's Member of Parliament in seeking to secure some of this funding for an option engineering study to look at the options for solving the congestion problems at the Hare & Hounds Junction in Clayton-le-Moors.

The Council recognises that this traffic situation at the junction cannot continue, the status quo being undesirable for both drivers and residents, and will support Hyndburn's Member of Parliament in her effort to obtain funding from Lancashire County Council for an option engineering study.

**Proposer: Cllr Carole Haythornthwaite**

**Seconder: Cllr Peter Edwards**

*Submitted on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (11:53)*

### **5. Economic Strategy**

This Council welcomes proposals for an economic investment strategy to provide a basis to attract and retain business in Hyndburn.

**Proposer: Cllr Zak Khan**

**Seconder: Cllr Peter Britcliffe**

*Submitted on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (11:53)*