

**AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION (AGENDA ITEM 8.1) SUBMITTED
BY COUNCILLORS JOHN JAMES AND ANN DAVIES**

This Council condemns the heinous mass slaughter of innocent people in Israel on October 7th. Council is also horrified by the scale and consequences of the ongoing military retaliation in Gaza. We therefore call on the international community to:

- i. Unite to deliver the humanitarian response needed to safeguard innocent lives devastated by this conflict, and ensure that access is given to food, water, medicines, and the power source which are all urgently needed.
- ii. Seek an immediate ceasefire to end the current human suffering.
- iii. Support the call from communities throughout the world for **ALL** hostages to be released and returned home to their families.
- iv. Work with Israeli and Palestinian representatives to bring an end to this current conflict and negotiate a permanent peace settlement which delivers security and a peaceful long term future to this area based on the principle of a two-state solution.
- v. **“Reaffirms Israel’s and Palestine’s right to exist and recognises that denying Israel’s right to exist is a form of anti semitism, as made clear in the IHRA’s definition of anti semitism. Recognising both Israel’s and Palestine’s right to exist is an essential step towards peace via a two-state solution”**

Proposed: Councillor Gary Jones

Seconded: Councillor Crish Davies