Date: 31 March 2017
Subject: Challenging Hate and Building
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is asked that as a body it adopts an agreed definition of antisemitism to help ensure there is clarity around what antisemitism is.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

• That the Greater Manchester Combined Authority adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism

• The Combined Authority encourages other Greater Manchester local authorities and partners to also adopt the definition.

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Risk Management – N/A
Legal Considerations – N/A
Financial Consequences – Revenue – N/A
Financial Consequences – Capital – N/A

**BACKGROUND PAPERS: N/A**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Greater Manchester has a strong record in taking a stand against hatred. We recognise that, as one of the most diverse parts of the United Kingdom, we are at our strongest when all our communities celebrate our difference, but recognise that there is more that unites than divides us.

1.2 This approach has borne significant fruit. From marquee events like the annual hate crime awareness week, to on-the-ground transformation of how public bodies such as police and councils engage with minority communities, confidence amongst communities of identities that hate crime will be taken seriously is at an all-time high. It is a badge of honour that Greater Manchester has the highest level of hate crime reporting in the country, which is as a result of years of work to build community cohesion.

1.3 By taking a stand against antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of religious hatred; racism, homophobia, and transphobia; and attacks against disabled people or those who are part of alternative subcultures such as Goths, punks or Emos, Greater Manchester can truly say we stand together against all forms of prejudice and will act when incidents take place.

1.4 Greater Manchester representatives from the Jewish Leadership Council have contacted Greater Manchester Combined Authority to ask that as a body we adopt an agreed definition of anti-Semitism to help ensure there is clarity around what antisemitism is.

1.5 This definition, adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest last year reads: Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

1.6 This description is a clear and practical working definition of antisemitism, and adopting it will build further confidence within the Jewish community in Greater Manchester that antisemitism will not be tolerated.

Recommendations
• Recommendations are set out at the front of this report