

Meeting of the City Council

3 November 2021

Report title	Adopting a Definition of Islamophobia	
Referring body	Governance and Ethics Committee, 22 October 2021	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Paula Brookfield	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	
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Report has been considered by	Governance and Ethics Committee	22 October 2021

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the adoption of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims (APPG) definition of Islamophobia as follows:

“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

2. Confirm that it will continue to prioritise tackling hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership with all stakeholders; listen to their concerns and develop policies that will continue to ensure we live in an inclusive city.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides background information on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims (APPG) definition of Islamophobia, other optional definitions, and proposes appropriate recommendations to Council.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 22 October 2021, Governance and Ethics Committee considered a report on Adopting a Definition of Islamophobia.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to Council that it:
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 2. Confirm that it will continue to prioritise tackling hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership with all stakeholders; listen to their concerns and develop policies that will continue to ensure we live in an inclusive city.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

6.0 All other Implications

- 6.1 All other implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

7.0 Schedule of background papers

7.1 Adopting a definition of Islamophobia, Governance and Ethics Committee, 22 October 2021.

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Adopting a definition of Islamophobia