

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JANUARY 2025**

Moved by: Councillor Halsall

Seconded by: Councillor TBC

#### **CALL FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND SANCTIONS ON ISRAEL**

This Council is deeply concerned by the ongoing violence in Gaza and the immense suffering of civilians caught in the conflict. We recognise the importance of immediate action to protect human life and uphold international law.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the UK Government, urging it to:

- Call for an immediate, comprehensive ceasefire in Gaza, ensuring the protection of civilians and the provision of humanitarian aid.
- Impose sanctions on Israel if a ceasefire is not implemented and maintained, demonstrating a commitment to international law and accountability.
- End all arms sales to states that are currently under investigation by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for war crimes and crimes against humanity, ensuring that the UK is not complicit in actions that violate human rights.
- Offer support to residents affected by the conflict and work with groups already engaged in supporting those who it's impacted.

Sefton Council stands firmly in support of peace, human rights, and justice, and calls on the UK Government to take decisive action toward ending the violence and holding all parties accountable.