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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 December 2023</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital &amp; Customer Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LS/168/23</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Palestine/Israel – Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.1  For Decision  For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe, countersigned by Councillor McGuire, relative to the Palestine/Israel conflict.
- 1.3 The terms of the Notice of Motion are set out in appendix 1 to the report.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe.

**Iain Strachan**  
**Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services**

### Notice of Motion: Palestine/Israel

This Council:

- unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas's barbaric and unjustifiable terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens on 7 October 2023, and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages;
- while recognising Israel's right to defend itself, believes that civilians must never be targeted and innocent lives must be protected, and deplores actions that have led to the death of thousands of innocent Palestinian men, women and children;
- agrees that all human life is equal, abhors the loss of innocent lives, and affirms the right of all Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace and security; and further agrees that the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza must stop;
- expresses its solidarity with Scotland's Jewish, Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian communities and condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred;
- believes that a credible, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution through reinvigorated diplomatic and political efforts in a Middle East peace process;
- recognises the agreement of a humanitarian ceasefire between Israel and Hamas to enable the release of some hostages, the release of prisoners and the admission of significantly more humanitarian aid;
- recognises that, in order for any permanent ceasefire to be achieved, it requires all sides to comply;
- is horrified by the Hamas statement that it would repeat the 7 October attacks and continue rocket fire;
- is appalled that the Israeli Prime Minister has stated that he will not even consider a permanent ceasefire;
- calls, therefore, on the international community to use every form of diplomacy to try and create the conditions on the ground to make a full and permanent ceasefire a reality;
- further calls on the International Criminal Court to investigate the conduct of all parties in this conflict, and affirms the commitment to a lasting peace with the end of illegal occupation, siege and settlements, and a two-state solution where a sovereign, independent and viable Palestinian state exists alongside a safe and secure Israel.

**Moved by:** Councillor Stephen McCabe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Natahsa McGuire