



# ISLINGTON

## COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JUNE 2016

### NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION

#### URGENT MOTION - ISLINGTON – A HOME FOR ALL

Moved by Cllr Richard Watts

Seconded by Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz

This Council believes that Islington is proud to be a diverse, tolerant and cohesive community. People from across the world make a massive contribution to our borough, working in vital public services like the NHS, and helping to make Islington a vibrant and welcoming place. They are our neighbours and our friends.

This Council recognises the issues that affect our community, from making sure everyone has a secure and affordable home, to helping people find decent work. We believe that by working together as a community we are better placed to address these issues.

This Council notes that the people who have called Islington home for generations have always welcomed people from different faiths and backgrounds to our community.

This Council further notes that in the days after the referendum that decided Britain will leave the EU, there have been reports of an increase in hate crime across the country.

This Council resolves;

- that we condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.
- that we stand with victims of hate crime and encourage everyone to report incidents to the police.
- to work with faith and community leaders across the borough to ensure that Islington remains welcoming to all and to challenge prejudice and hate whenever it occurs.
- to call on the Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Community Development to hold a meeting with community and faith organisations and to report back to Full Council on the outcome of these discussions.