

NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on:

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

	Name (in capitals)	Signature
Proposer:	MARTHA LLOYD JONES	Martha Lloyd Jones
Seconder:	EDWARD DOURLEY	E. Dourley

Motion Title: *Defining our community's response to August's disturbances*

Halton Council is proud that our City Region is defined by its fine history of supporting people in need of shelter or help with these groups have enriched our communities and worked alongside the existing community to build up our local economy and services.

With our fellow residents, we were appalled to hear of the terrible attacks in Southport on the three children, their friends and adults who bravely tried to defend them. Our thoughts remain with everyone affected and their families.

We are no less appalled at the cynical high-jacking of that tragedy as an excuse for attacks on police and emergency workers, malicious vandalism, arson and looting. We stand in support of our police and emergency workers who risked their lives to protect people and businesses and welcome the full force of the law being brought against those who use or encourage race hatred, violence and terror. The recent drunken and self-indulgent hooliganism was an attack on the law abiding 60+ million UK residents and businesses who will pay the bill in millions of pounds and the other crimes that the police should have been addressing.

Over the past half century, the people of Halton have overcome enormous social and economic challenges: the dismantling of our core industries, pharmaceuticals and Engineering; the cost of living crisis; austerity; the pandemic. As a community, we have met these challenges together.

To protect and strengthen our Halton Togetherness we resolve to:

- Continue to fight the adverse legacy of the social and economic challenges we have faced to secure a better life for all our residents.

- Write to the Prime Minister to support his government's stance on bringing immediate justice to those responsible for acts of violence and hatred and for greater promotion of accurate information on the role of migrants in society and regulation of social media to prevent its role in inciting such acts
- Stand with all our Communities against hatred and misinformation.
- Re-enforce our work on togetherness and social cohesion

(NB This motion must be submitted to the Chief Executive, c/o the Principal Committee Services Officer, at least seven clear working days prior to the date of the relevant Council meeting.

In accordance with SO6, if the subject matter of the motion comes within the province of any Panel, Board or Committee or Committees it shall without introductory speeches by the mover or seconder upon being moved and seconded stand referred without discussion to such Panel, Board or Committee or Committees, or to such other Panel, Board or Committee or Committees as the Council may determine, for consideration and report. However, the Mayor may, if s/he considers it convenient and conducive to the despatch of business, allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward.)