SPECIAL MOTION NO. 5 - OPPOSING ONLINE HATE SPEECH

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Callum Nimmo
- (ii) Councillor Nikos Souslous

The Council condemns all forms of hate speech, harassment, and abuse that seek to divide our communities. It agrees that the rise of racist and discriminatory content on social media runs counter to the decent values and inclusive and diverse nature of Hammersmith & Fulham.

The Council notes the important role which councillors play as trusted local leaders. It agrees that there is no excuse for any councillor in any local authority to like or share vile, hate-inciting, racist material and also agrees there are no reasonable circumstances for any elected representative of good character to associate with or campaign alongside anyone who has done so.

The Council recognises the insidious impact of hate, in all its forms, and reaffirms its commitment to building unity and understanding across Hammersmith & Fulham.