

## Report to Sheffield City Region Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 July 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Tackling discrimination and prejudice: MCA adoption of definitions of antisemitism and Islamophobia
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	A report was received by the Mayoral Combined Authority on 3 June 2019 proposing the adoption of an agreed definition of antisemitism and to agree an intention to adopt a definition in relation to Islamophobia. The adoption of these definitions is to provide clarity about what antisemitism is, and what Islamophobia is, as part of the MCA and LEP's general equal opportunities policy.
<b>The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:</b>	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the paper presented to the Mayoral Combined Authority and that, further to this, it was agreed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism</li> <li>2. Adopt a working definition of Islamophobia when there is greater clarity and a shared understanding of the term</li> </ol>
<b>Category of Report:</b> Open  Under the Freedom of Information Act this paper and any appendices will be made available under the Mayoral Combined Authority Publication Scheme. This scheme commits the Authority to make information about how decisions are made available to the public as part of its normal business activities.	

### Summary:

MCAs, Combined Authorities and local authorities across the country are increasingly taking a stand against prejudice. The Sheffield City Region is a diverse part of the United Kingdom and at its strongest when our citizens and communities recognise that there is more that unites than divides us.

By adopting recognised working definitions of antisemitism and Islamophobia the MCA will be demonstrating its commitment to tackling racist and religious hatred and all forms of discrimination.

### Appendices/Annexes

13i: Tackling discrimination and prejudice: MCA adoption of definitions of antisemitism and Islamophobia; MCA report, 3 June 2019