

Motion in the name of Councillor Corall Jenkins

Nottingham City Council conveys profound sorrow over the devastation suffered by the residents of Southport this past week since the tragic murders of Elsie Dot Stancombe, aged seven, Alice Dasilva Aguiar, aged nine, and Bebe King, aged six.

The Council acknowledges the injuries sustained by many others, who will be forever marked by this tragedy, and extends a heartfelt message of support for their recovery and long-term care.

The rampant criminality by the far right that has followed this incident has only added to the suffering of the people of Southport and enhanced division and fear amongst communities across the United Kingdom.

Nottingham City Council condemn the Islamophobic violence from those that have targeted places of worship, incited racial hatred, caused damage to property and injured Police. We condemn those who have tried to divide our communities and who single out our Muslim communities and refugees in particular.

The far right consistently exploit high-profile incidents as well as the general decline of living standards through austerity to peddle their hateful rhetoric and violence. Not only should we challenge this head-on but we should fight to improve things for everyone in our community to offer hope and unity.

The Council resolves to:

- Write to the Leader of Metropolitan Borough of Sefton Council to offer our condolences.
- Thank Nottinghamshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for their appropriate handling of protests in Nottingham.
- Thank Community Protection Officers for reassuring local communities.
- Thank NHS staff who have been treating those who have been injured
- Send a letter from the Leader and Chief Executive to staff to offer reassurance.
- Thank our Cleansing Team for clearing up the City Centre after the demonstration.
- Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to address future risks.
- Continue to promote community cohesion within Nottingham.
- Condemn the far right, racism and discrimination in all its forms.
- Ensure Mosques in Nottingham are supported by the new rapid response process announced by the Home Secretary.