Antisemitism Working Group - Terms of Reference

Purpose and objectives

- To review the UK Government's approach to antisemitism and other areas affecting Jewish life and where there are any gaps and opportunities for further action.
- To consider how the UK Government should engage with Jewish communities on addressing antisemitism.
- To seek advice and make recommendations on the best way to engage Jewish communities around international, national and local events affecting British Jews.

The Secretariat

- The secretariat will report to the working group on all activities in a regular and structured way, ensuring all developments are reported to Ministers in a timely and accurate manner and can consider relevant reports and recommendations made by other organisations of interest to the group.
- The mechanism for reporting any concerns will be via the secretariat that is based within MHCLG.

Meeting cadence and structures

- The group will meet at least every quarter (up to four times per year), unless circumstances require more frequent meetings.
- Meetings will be held in person at 2 Marsham Street with online participation available.
- Meetings will be chaired by the MHCLG Director for Communities and Inclusive Growth or Deputy Director for the Community Cohesion Unit.
- The Group may establish, from time to time, sub-groups or other mechanisms to undertake detailed work on specific recommendations or related issues to report to the Group.

Membership

- Senior working level representatives from the Jewish community, namely the Community Security Trust, Board of Deputies of British Jews, Antisemitism Policy Trust and the Jewish Leadership Council.
- When relevant to discussions and with the agreement of the standing membership, representatives from other government departments, policing partners and other Jewish community organisations may be invited to attend meetings of the working group. All invites to external groups should be in line with the UK Government's principles of engagement.

• In order to foster a trusting and inclusive group culture, and to ensure the best environment for policy development, the group's discussions and written records of them will be private.

Workplan

 All work and activities of the group will be in support of the objectives set out above.

Review

- The Terms of Reference, membership and objectives of the group will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their continued relevance and alignment with Government's priorities.
- In addition to the annual review, the terms of reference may be subject to review at any time if there are significant changes in the scope, membership, objectives or other factors that may impact the group's effectiveness.