

## ANNEXATION OF PART OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

Moved by Cllr Bea Foster

"Residents in Burnley, including those in the interfaith community are very concerned about what is happening in the Holy Land. This issue has been debated regularly by the Building Bridges in Burnley Forum. As a town we need to continue to work hard on the relationship between all sections of the community, and the situation in Palestine is of direct relevance to building community cohesion in Burnley.

It is proposed that the Council resolve to send a letter to our local MP to ask him to represent these concerns over the plans of the new Israeli coalition Government to annex part of the occupied West Bank from July 1st 2020.

This annexation is a breach of International Law, which rejects any acquisition of territory through force and would be a major threat to peace and the 2 state solution, which is the official Government policy for all who live in Israel/Palestine. As a Council, we call on the MP and the Government to speak out against this injustice and support whatever international sanctions are necessary to stop this illegal annexation taking place, which is against numerous UN resolutions."