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1a.	Publicly condemn the Israeli Government's human rights violations	Cabinet notes that the resolution of the Council on 28th February in response to the Petition included "...publicly condemning the human rights violations being conducted". This includes human rights violations by the Israeli Government. As a consequence Cabinet is clear that the Council condemns human rights violations.	No further action required.			
1b.	Demand the UK Government call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza	Cabinet also notes that on the 28th February the Council called on the UK Government for a permanent	No further action required.			

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		ceasefire to be adopted. This remains the position of the Council and Cabinet is again clear that the position of the UK Government should be (as it presently is) that there should be a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.				
1c.	That the Council issue a press release explaining the resolution agreed in the debate held on 28 February 2024.	A press release will be published explaining both the resolution agreed by Council on the 28th February and additionally the outcome of the considerations of OSMB following this meeting.	Publish the press release	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	30/9/24	Complete – 24/09/24
1d.	In the interests of transparency, that the Council publishes details	Officers will consider this and write to the lead	Write to the lead petitioner	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and	30/9/24	In progress

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	of whether the Council has formal associations with the Israeli government.	petitioner with the outcome of this work.		Customer Services		
1e.	That the Council reviews its contractual relationships to establish if it has links with any of the companies named in the UN Human Rights Council's list as part of the Council's visible supply chain.	Officers will consider this and write to the lead petitioner with the outcome of that work.	Write to the lead petitioner	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	30/9/24	In progress
1f.	Notes the restrictions placed on local authorities in respect of the factors which they may take into account when procuring goods or services under Section 17 of the 1988 Local Government Act.	Cabinet notes that the provisions of the Section above and this curtails the factors that the Council is lawfully entitled to consider when making decisions on the procurement of goods and services.	No further action required.			
1g.	With respect to the request within the	Cabinet notes the OSMB response to this request.	No further action required.			

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	petition to prioritise human rights and equality in Rotherham's international relations, especially for the Palestinian people, the OSMB response noted that the Council cannot implement this recommendations as it is stated in the petition, as international relations fall to central rather than local government.					
1h.	Notes that the Council no longer has active twinning arrangements, and it is not recommended that these recommence.	Cabinet notes the recommendation	No further action required.			
1i.	Notes the strength of Rotherham's local	Cabinet notes the recommendation.	No further action required.			

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	communities in supporting communities in need around the world. This includes promoting values such as human rights and equality which the Council supports.					
1j.	To reiterate its commitment to its Ethical Procurement Policy and note that the Council will always procure services in line with this Policy.	Cabinet is pleased that the commitment to Ethical Procurement through its Policy is noted and that it guides our Services in procuring Services.	No further action required.			
1k.	That the Council will publish an overview of its investments on its website.	Cabinet supports this recommendation, and Officers will be asked to provide this information on the Council's website.	Publish an overview of Council investments on the website.	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	30/9/24	In progress
1l.	That the Council will request that SY Pension	Cabinet will ask South Yorkshire	Request that SY Pension Authority	Jo Brown,	30/9/24	Complete

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	Authority publishes its investments on its website.	Pension Authority to publish details of its investments on its websites.	publishes its investments on its website.	Assistant Chief Executive		
1m.	To note that the discretion of the Council to make ethical procurement decisions in respect of not supporting countries with illegal occupations or companies benefitting from such activities was removed under s.17 of the Local Government Act, 1988.	Cabinet notes the recommendation.	No further action required			
1n.	To enable councils to reflect on the concerns of communities that they are elected to represent, that the Leader writes to the relevant Minister to a) request the repeal of those sections of the Local Government Act 1988 which prohibit councils from taking 'non-commercial	Cabinet agrees to this recommendation and the Leader will write to the relevant Minister to make this point.	Leader to write to the relevant Minister.	Lesley Harrison, Cabinet Support Manager	30/9/24	Complete – 27/09/24

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	considerations' into account when awarding contracts and b) in opposition to the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill currently before Parliament.					
1o.	Approve to the display of the Palestinian flag as a gesture of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace on the United Nation's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November 2024).	Cabinet agrees to this recommendation and approves the flying of the Palestinian Flag on 29th November.	Fly the Palestinian Flag on 29 November 2024.	Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services	29/11/24	In progress – flag to be flown on November 29, 2024
1p.	To support the recommendation that the community considers organising a visible gesture of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace. For	Notes the efforts of the community in organising visible gestures of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by	No further action.			

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	example, this could include inter-faith, sporting or cultural events.	the conflict and support peace.				
1q.	That elected members are reminded that under the existing Flag Protocol, a motion to support a cause or campaign, which by implication will include the flying of a flag, can be submitted to Council for decision.	Cabinet notes this recommendation and will ask that this information is included in the next bulletin that is produced for all Councillors.	Include in Member Bulletin.	Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services	End Oct 24	Complete
2.	That the Leader writes to local MPs informing them of the agreed recommendations and any proposed actions resulting from these.	Cabinet agrees to this recommendation and the Leader will write to MPs to inform them of the recommendations and the outcome of this Cabinet meeting.	Leader to write to local MPs informing them of the agreed recommendations and any proposed actions resulting from these.	Lesley Harrison, Cabinet Support Manager	30/9/24	Complete 27/09/24
3.	That the decision of Cabinet is reported back to OSMB within two	The report and response are being	Include on October or November OSMB	Barbel Gale, Governance Manager	Nov 24	Complete

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	months of its submission.	considered at today's meeting.	agenda.			
4.	That the Cabinet Spokesperson continues to hold dialogue with Petitioners to continue to seek peace in Palestine and the Region.	The Council will continue to engage in dialogue with the petitioners where appropriate and where this can practically and constructively contribute towards the objective of peace in Palestine and the wider Middle East Region.	Cabinet Spokesperson to continue to hold dialogue with Petitioners to continue to seek peace in Palestine and the Region.	Lesley Harrison, Cabinet Support Manager	On-going	In progress
5.	That Cabinet consider expediting the governance processes and provide updates to OSMB on progress against the recommendations.	The report and response are being considered at today's meeting. Cabinet will write to OSMB following the meeting, with an update on the actions listed above.	Leader to write to OSMB	Lesley Harrison, Cabinet Support Manager	30/9/24	Complete 27/09/24

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6.	That the Leader write to the lead petitioner, explaining the outcome of the petition process.	Agreed in the meeting.	Leader to write to Hafsa Yusufi	Lesley Harrison, Cabinet Support Manager	30/9/24	Complete 24/10/24