

9 July 2021

Dear Leader,

Tackling Islamophobia

Last November the Labour Muslim Network published [Islamophobia and the Muslim Experience](#), a report into Islamophobia in the Labour Party. This report found that nearly half of our Muslim members (44%) and supporters do not believe the Labour Party takes the issue of Islamophobia seriously, and that more than one in three Muslim members (37%) have directly witnessed Islamophobia within the Labour Party.

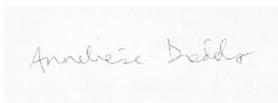
The LMN report made for difficult reading for everyone in our party. It rightly prompted an immediate commitment from the Leader, Deputy Leader and General Secretary of the Labour Party to take swift and appropriate action to take forward LMN's initial recommendations to address Islamophobia and ensure it has no place in our party.

One of those recommendations was the adoption of the [All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia](#) by all Labour-run councils. We are writing to request an update on progress towards this goal. We know that many councils will already have already adopted the definition, and that others will be in the process of doing so. We understand the pressures that Labour councillors and council leaders are under across the country, and we are keen to support you in any way possible to ensure that we honour this commitment to tackling Islamophobia in our party and our society.

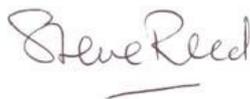
We would therefore be very grateful if you could let us know if your council has now adopted the definition. If it has not yet been adopted, please also let us know what we can do to help ensure that it is.

We all have a responsibility to demonstrate our commitment to supporting the Muslim community and working with them to root out Islamophobia wherever it rears its head. As Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Chair of the Labour Party, and Leader of the Local Government Association Labour Group, we ask for your support in ensuring we reach the goal of adopting the APPG on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia across our Labour-run councils as soon as possible.

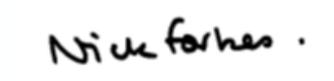
Best wishes,



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Chair of the Labour Party



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**Shadow Secretary of State for
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Cllr Nick Forbes
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