

### **III RECOGNITION OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE**

There was submitted Agenda Note AN14-2021 intimating that this had been placed on the agenda at the request of Bailie Macpherson.

The Committee acceded to requests for deputations to address the Committee relative to this item of business. After the deputations had stated their cases they were thanked for their attendance and withdrew.

Thereafter, Bailie Macpherson, seconded by Bailie Keenan, moved the undernoted:-

Committee notes the request from Dundee Trades Union Council and the Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association that Dundee City Council should recognise the State of Palestine.

Given the long-standing support Dundee City Council and the former City of Dundee District Council has had for our twinning relationship with Nablus, we recognise and value the views and rights of the people of Nablus; these rights - in particular the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination - must be respected.

Committee therefore supports the call for the City Council to recognise the State of Palestine.

Committee instructs the Chief Executive to communicate the decision of the City Council to recognise the State of Palestine to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the Prime Minister and the First Minister.

As an amendment, Bailie Scott, seconded by Councillor Scott, moved to note the motion but take no further action.

On a division, there voted for the motion - the Convener, Lord Provost Borthwick, Bailies Roberts, Sawers, Keenan, Wright and Macpherson, and Councillors Cordell, Dawson, Flynn, Hunter, Lynn, Rendall, Rome, Ross, Short, Smith, McCready, McIrvine, Malone, Richardson, Duncan and Murray (23); and for the amendment - Bailie Scott and Councillors Hay and Scott (3) - whereupon the motion was declared carried.