# **Council Forum**

## Thursday, 05 October 2017 18:00 Council Chamber, Blackburn Town Hall,

### AGENDA

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#### Rule 12

One Notice of Motion has been submitted under Procedure Rule 12 as follows:

"Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council reflects the concerns of local residents on the subject of the very worrying events taking place in Myanmar. The targeted killing, abuse, rape, displacement and atrocities are being described by independent Human Rights Organisations as ethnic cleansing and if unchecked then there is a real risk of genocide.

A humanitarian disaster is unfolding by the day. The Myanmar Government has the power to stop this in its tracks. So far Aung Sang Suu Kyi has remained silent. To remain silent is to be complicit. This Council and the community we represent will not remain silent.

We resolve to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime minister Theresa May, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, our local MP's Kate Hollern and Jake Berry in seeking action from our government to urge the United Nations to call for an immediate and lasting stop to the violence and killing and to intensify pressure on the Myanmar government to allow both full humanitarian access and aid and a United Nations peacekeeping force, pending a peaceful political solution."

Proposed by: Cllr Shaukat Hussain Seconded by: Cllr Dave Smith

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