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For Immediate Release

## Working Together for Peace and Unity

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5:30pm outside Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ**

We are deeply shocked, saddened and grieved by the violent, depraved and cowardly terror attack on London Westminster and innocent people last Wednesday. It has left the painful scar on Londoners, the entire country and many citizens of the world who were visiting our spectacular London city.

We pass on our heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family and friends of

- PC Keith Palmer, who gave his life on duty defending Westminster
- Teacher Aysha Frade who lost her life crossing Westminster Bridge to pick her children
- US tourist, Kurt W. Cochran
- Those innocent people, walking alongside Westminster wounded and many in critical condition.

Those who share similar evil & extremist ideologies, for their gains, will take advantage of such incidents to drive communities further apart.

As people from different faiths and cultures in Luton, we will not be driven apart. We commit to stay united by our common humanity and work for the common good while condemning such evil acts in strongest terms.

Our message is loud and clear – hate mongers, extremists and terrorists have no place in our civil and democratic society. We should all be united and vigilant towards such evildoers and support one another.

To stand together in solidarity, especially in such times of darkness and adversity, all are invited to join in on

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to offer our condolences to those bereaved and to strengthen our collective hope that lies in our shared humanity.

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Luton Council of Faiths (LCoF) is an independent voluntary group of members and leaders from different faith communities, constantly seeking to engage with communities and individuals, of faith or of no faith, to strengthen community cohesion in Luton. It works in partnership with GRASSROOTS, a Christian ecumenical charity, which is supported by different Christian denominations and organisations.