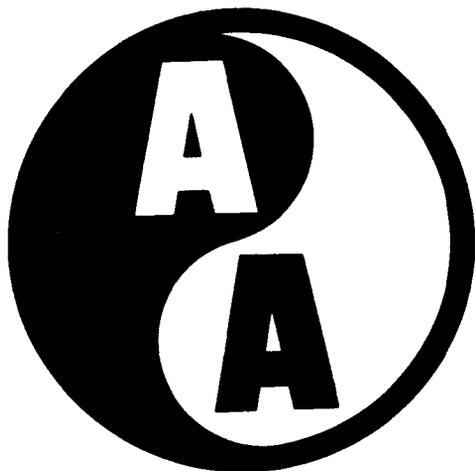


**Local Authority  
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Apartheid**



**Model  
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# “Model” Declaration on Southern Africa

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*A Declaration adopted by the ..... Council as an expression of its opposition to apartheid and its commitment to the cause of freedom in Southern Africa, to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela and all other prisoners of apartheid, and in solidarity with the struggles and sacrifices of the African National Congress of South Africa and the South West African People's Organisation of Namibia and the peoples of their countries.*

*The Council declares its abhorrence of the apartheid policy of South Africa, which has been declared by the United Nations and the Commonwealth to be a 'crime against humanity', and condemns its illegal occupation of Namibia. The Council believes that the apartheid system of South Africa is an affront to human dignity and a threat to world peace and racial harmony.*

*In accordance with these views the Council will, within the limits of its legal powers, campaign to end all links between the Council and the apartheid regime of South Africa, utilising all social, political, economic and legal measures that are at its disposal. In particular it will, whenever possible and appropriate, having regard to the Council's legal powers and duties, pursue vigilant practices to:*

- 1. Cease the purchase of any goods originating from South Africa and Namibia and pursue this policy within the purchasing authorities in which the Council is involved.*
- 2. Withdraw investments held by the Council in companies with South African investments or companies with investments in South Africa and Namibia.*
- 3. Ensure that the Council is not officially represented at any function attended by representatives of the South African Government, South African Embassy, the 'Bantustans' or trade missions and refuse to meet or receive any official visitors from South Africa or Namibia.*
- 4. Campaign against investments and loans held by companies in South Africa and Namibia, discourage all economic links with South Africa and Namibia and promote better relations with the developing economies of the 'Third World'.*

- 5. Seek to enforce the United Nations sporting and cultural boycott by withholding use of leisure facilities from any event involving participants coming from South Africa and Namibia, and from others who appear on the United Nations sporting and cultural registers.*
- 6. Encourage the positive teaching of the history, culture and struggle for self-determination of the South African and Namibian people.*
- 7. Seek to ensure that libraries and schools provide a full range of accurate information concerning South Africa and Namibia, and do not make available South African Government propaganda.*
- 8. Encourage the honouring of prominent opponents of apartheid.*
- 9. Discourage the advertisement of South African products at public sites and facilities, under the control of the Council.*
- 10. Seek to ensure that local citizens who are considering emigrating to South Africa are fully informed of the implications of living under apartheid.*

*The Council hereby declares the ..... area to be an "Anti-Apartheid Zone" and undertakes in co-operation with the Anti-Apartheid Movement to organise and encourage appropriate events and activities to promote public understanding of the situation in Southern Africa.*



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Cambridge	Newham
Cumbria	Nottingham
Edinburgh	Rochdale
Gateshead	Sheffield
Greater London Council	Tameside
Greater Manchester	Tower Hamlets
Greenwich	Tyne and Wear
Hackney	Waltham Forest
Haringay	Wigan
Harlow	Wrekin
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