
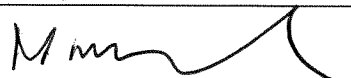


NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on: 18 October 2023

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

	Name (in capitals)	Signature
Proposer:	CLLR BEVAN	
Seconder:	CLLR N. PLUMPTON WALSH	

PROTECTING WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

This Council agrees that it is committed to challenging all forms domestic abuse and to promoting a culture in which people can be protected and the victims of domestic abuse be supported.

Council notes that in March, on International Women's Day, Jess Phillips M.P read out names in the House of Commons of 109 women and girls who had lost their lives in cases where a male perpetrator had either been charged or convicted of their killing. Of the names read out 2 were unnamed, unknown women. The youngest victim was 15 and the oldest was 92 years of age. This list does not include women who have survived attempts on their life or those deaths in which cases never see anyone charged. We believe that this illustrates the scale of the problem, and Council agrees to commit to taking action to challenge domestic abuse.

Council agrees to:

- 1) Take steps to prepare an Action Plan to submit the Council as a candidate for White Ribbon accreditation, so that the Council can proactively engage in a range of actions to tackle the causes, and effects of domestic abuse, and to promote support for victims, and to challenge the behaviour of perpetrators.
- 2) We will proactively promote awareness and an end of domestic abuse with local schools, and through the operation of Council services, where we can do so.
- 3) We will make available to all Council members and staff, the means for them to undertake an awareness course on domestic abuse, so that the early signs of it can be identified, and staff and members made aware of how to react to incidents.

- 4) We will hold an annual awareness event in conjunction with White Ribbon Day annually in November, the International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women, to encourage men and boys to pledge never to take part in, condone or stay silent about violence against women.
- 5) We will take steps to ensure awareness for women who are experiencing violence to know where to get help through effective promotion of services available.
- 6) We will continue to promote the Safer Streets Campaign raising awareness of how both Men and Women can play their part in making Halton's streets safer in partnership with Cheshire Police.