

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Action to tackle violence against women and girls in Plymouth

The end of November marks one year on since the tragic and senseless murder of Bobbi-Anne McLeod, and will be a difficult moment for her family, her community and the whole city. This council welcomes the publication of the final report of the Violence Against Women and Girls Commission on 27 May 2022, launched and published as part of the civic response to her death and the subsequent outpouring and fears for safety from people, especially women, in Plymouth.

The work is to be commended for its 15 recommendations that have the potential to make a difference to the lived experiences of many women and girls across our city. The report's publication has received cross party support, and now the hard work must continue in making its ambitions a reality.

This council, therefore, commits to:

1. The production of a clear action plan on how the Commission's recommendations will be taken forward, outlining the commitment of resources, who is responsible and the timescales for delivery;
2. Providing an update on activities undertaken by the Council on this area since the Commission's report in May 2022 in addition to an update on the agreed actions in the January 2022 motion at Full Council;
3. Develop and implement a public communications plan to the people of Plymouth on how recommendations will be implemented and explaining in practical terms how women and girls' lives will be safer as a result, including messaging to men and boys on how they can be an ally in tackling VAWG;
4. Write to the new Home Secretary to request additional national Government funding to deliver on recommendations;
5. Request that the Police and Crime Commissioner publishes misogyny in crime statistics across Devon and Cornwall Police, including for Plymouth alongside the regular publication of other hate crime figures

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