

AMENDED MOTION:
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The recent rape case leading to the death of a young girl in New Delhi was a deeply distressing event which has brought into focus the heinous violence perpetrated towards women and lack of values and respect accorded to women across the world in many a societies.

In particular, female infanticide continues to happen in many parts of the world. The fundamental problem is that women are not valued enough in all societies.

In Harrow, this is reflected by a worrying increase in Domestic Violence which is affecting many families.

Mother earth is crying and it is time we took notice.

This Council thanks the former Borough Commander of Police for implementing a Zero Tolerance policy to tackle violence against women and girls and the abuse they are subjected to. But, much needs to be done.

This Council pays a tribute to and reaffirms its support to the voluntary and statutory organisations in Harrow who actively engage in supporting women and girls.

Approaching International Women's Month in March, this Council believes that International Communities must work together in a spirit of partnership to exchange and implement good practices to eradicate the evil of violence, abuse and discrimination of women and girls worldwide.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to

- Write to the former Borough Commander, placing on record our thanks for his commitment to women's rights
- Write to the borough's Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations thanking them for the work they do for and with the borough's women
- Write to the Indian High Commissioner regarding the gender imbalance that has been identified in society and offering Harrow's experience in creating a cohesive society by meeting its Public Sector Equality Duty as published in Our Harrow, Our Story where the Council articulates the services and projects being delivered and advances Equality and fosters good relations.
- Write to the new Borough Commander asking him to work with the Council in partnership to raise awareness of the evil of Domestic Violence

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