

COUNCIL – 24th October 2019

NOTICE OF MOTION – WHITE RIBBON

Council notes that violence against women is a serious, prevalent and preventable issue in our society. Male violence against women must be ended, once and for all. Simply agreeing with the principle is not enough. As a responsible authority we have a moral obligation to stand against and work to end male violence against women.

MOTION

Council recognises the importance of White Ribbon and its contribution as part of a global campaign taking action to stop male violence against women and resolves to become an accredited authority.

Council commits to making White Ribbon Day (25th November) part of the civic calendar with ambassador-led activities involving staff, members and the public.

Council agrees to raise awareness of the White Ribbon Campaign through regular updates and features in internal and external communications.

Council will provide support to staff and members to take the pledge never to commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women and to become ambassadors and champions.

Council will work closely with local agencies and organisations involved in tackling male violence against women to work towards making Southend a White Ribbon Borough.

Council commits to hosting annual awareness training for all members.

Proposed by:

Cllr Cowan

Seconded by:

Cllr Dent