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COUNCIL

21 APRIL 2021

(8.17 pm - 9.12 pm)

PRESENT The Mayor Councillor Sally Kenny
The Deputy Mayor Councillor John Dehaney,
Councillors Agatha Mary Akyigyina, Stephen Alambritis,
Mark Allison, Stan Anderson, Laxmi Attawar, Eloise Bailey,
Thomas Barlow, Nigel Benbow, Hina Bokhari, Michael Brunt,
Adam Bush, Omar Bush, Ben Butler, Tobin Byers, Billy Christie,
David Chung, Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Pauline Cowper,
Stephen Crowe, Mary Curtin, David Dean, Nick Draper,
Anthony Fairclough, Edward Foley, Brenda Fraser,
Jenifer Gould, Edward Gretton, Joan Henry, Daniel Holden,
James Holmes, Andrew Howard, Janice Howard, Natasha Irons,
Linda Kirby, Paul Kohler, Rebecca Lanning, Najeeb Latif,
Edith Macauley, Russell Makin, Peter McCabe, Simon McGrath,
Nick McLean, Oonagh Moulton, Aidan Mundy, Hayley Ormrod,
Dennis Pearce, Owen Pritchard, Carl Quilliam, David Simpson,
Marsie Skeete, Peter Southgate, Geraldine Stanford,
Eleanor Stringer, Dave Ward, Martin Whelton, Dickie Wilkinson
and David Williams

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 REQUEST TO HOLD AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL UNDER PART 4A, SECTION 3.1(C) OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (Agenda Item 3)

The report was moved by Councillor Akyigyina and seconded by Councillor Skeete.

The Liberal Democrat amendment as set out in agenda item 4 was moved by Councillor Bailey and seconded by Councillor Bokhari.

Councillors Ward, McLean, McGrath, Ormrod, Irons, Gould, Moulton, Lanning, Kohler, Benbow, Fairclough and Stringer spoke in the debate.

The Liberal Democrat amendment was put to a vote and was carried – votes in favour: 58, votes against: 0, abstentions: 1.

The substantive report (as amended) was then put to a vote and was carried – votes in favour: 58, votes against: 0, abstentions: 1.

RESOLVED:

- A. That Council considered and noted the content of the report
- B. Recognising that misogyny is systemic, and acknowledging the hurt and anger expressed more recently by women and girls in response to the murder of Sarah Everard, which was in part calling for their lived experience to be listened to and real action taken to address their concerns, Council calls on Cabinet to:

- (1) develop safe and confidential opportunities for women and girls to share their experiences with the Council and other appropriate authorities to inform their work in changing male behaviour to reduce VAWG; and
- (2) to explore how restorative justice processes might be utilised to provide victims with an additional form of support and means of reducing VAWG.