SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 27th January, 2022

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PART I
FOR DECISION

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motion has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

A) Violence against Women and Girls

(Moved by Councillor Sabah, seconded by Councillor Akram)

This council believes that more needs to be done to improve the safety of women and girls on our streets. We therefore agree to the following;

- Recommend that the SSP (Safer Slough Partnership) expand their work programme to include community engagement, to pro-actively communicate with women and girls to better understand their needs, challenges and fears within their neighbourhoods and create safe spaces where crime is designed out;

- Engage with our partners, council companies and contractors to establish what more can be done to improve the safety of women and girls in Slough;

- Write to TVP to ask that they review their community engagement/development policies to ensure that they are responsive and incorporate/reflect “real time” community sentiments and feelings, e.g. resistance to a Slough Women’s Vigil following the tragic murder of Sarah Everard;

- Write to Tan Dhesi MP to request that he speaks on behalf of Slough residents in support of on the 2nd reading of the Hate Crime Misogyny Bill, which seeks to make the motivation by misogyny as an aggravating factor in criminal sentencing. The bill also seeks to require police forces to record hate crimes motivated by misogyny, and for connected purposes;

- Write to the Minister for Equalities, Kemi Badenoch, requesting that the government acknowledges Misogyny as a specific hate crime.

- That Slough Borough Council works toward becoming a White Ribbon Accredited Organisation.