

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 2 December 2021, vote taken on Motion 1

Motion 1 – Proposed by Councillor Andrew Reid and seconded by Councillor Sam Murray.

Motion Text: 'Violence Against Woman & Girls (VAWG) has a devastating impact on its victims. Crimes such as domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking, revenge pornography and others occur on a daily basis across Suffolk and the whole country.

Suffolk County Council currently is refreshing the VAWG Strategy and our ambition is to:

1. Create a society in which Suffolk women and girls, in particular, live without fear of violence or other unacceptable incidents in Suffolk
2. Address fundamental attitudes and intervene earlier to identify and support victims before harm escalates
3. Bring perpetrators to justice.

All councillors recognise we have a part to play in supporting our strong partnership through the Safer Stronger Communities Board, with representatives from all the District and Borough Councils, Police, Police & Crime Commissioner, Probation, Health, Safeguarding and Criminal Justice.

Suffolk County Council resolves to support and accelerate the initiative to refresh the VAWG Strategy and will seek the support of the Safer and Safer Stronger Communities Board at its meeting in mid-December.

Immediately the new strategy has been approved, Suffolk County Council undertakes to promote and support it widely on all levels in Suffolk.'

Members present agreed the motion by general assent.