

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 13 March 2025, vote taken on Motion 3 as amended.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Farrow and seconded by Councillor Bobby Bennett.

Motion Text: 'This council commits to continuing to urgently address violence against women and girls (VAWG), and the prejudice to the safety and wellbeing of any children those women may have in their care. This council therefore pledges to:

- Work with survivors, local specialists and relevant services to understand the impact of VAWG in Suffolk and publish a strategy to address this.
- Promote education on healthy relationships in schools across Suffolk.
- To work with partners across Suffolk to ensure a powerful system-wide response to VAWG that aligns with statutory guidance and meet the needs of all survivors, including the most marginalised survivors.
- Strengthen inter-agency collaboration and ensure system coordination
- Ensure continued support for children's services at women's refuges
- Better promote the specialist services available
- Appoint a VAWG champion, to hold the council to account on these pledges and amplify the voice of survivors
- Continue to grow the network of domestic abuse champions across Suffolk
- Report to Full Council within 12 months on the actions it has undertaken to fulfil the pledges of this motion.

Members present agreed the motion by general assent.