**Notice of Motion for Full Council – 24 November 2021**

Women and girls of South Ribble are suffering from misogyny, expressed in sexual harassment, domestic abuse and death. Lancashire women suffer a higher than average rate of deaths – the femicide census ranks Lancashire as 11th highest in numbers for female killings in a list of 42 police forces in England and Wales (2009-18). Currently, only 12 forces around the country record Misogyny. Misogyny affects everyone, not just women.

We call upon the Council to write to the Minister of State for Crime and Policing, Kit Malthouse, the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, with the following requests:

• That the Government prepares legislation to make misogyny a hate crime, to be recorded as such by all police forces across the UK, and prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service. Currently only 12 forces to do this and Lancashire is not one of them.

• That police forces should be required to record all instances of femicide, the killing of a woman or girl by a man, with immediate effect.

• That a task force be set up before the end of this year to assess the extent and impact of incel (involuntary celibate) groups both online and offline, and to work with voluntary groups and experts who have already begun work in this field.

• That all incidents of domestic abuse, including coercive and controlling behaviour, assault, grievous bodily harm or sexual assault and rape, should be prosecuted automatically without the victim being required to make a formal complaint.

• That policing resources should be increased to ensure that police forces are able to deal with these new responsibilities. At the very least they should return to pre 2010 strength.

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