



COUNCIL MEETING

19 September 2024

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Douglas will move the following motion:

At a previous Council meeting, a motion was agreed ensuring that all of our services are focused on the needs of women and girls.

That motion made the following pledges:

- We will listen to women and girls from all communities, and act on what they tell us, to understand what they need and the barriers they face.
- We will explicitly consider the specific impact on women and girls of every policy / strategy we develop, seeking to maximize positive and mitigate negative impacts.
- We will take practical steps to improve the lives of women and girls in Gateshead.
- We will put in place systems and structures to ensure equality for women and girls.
- We will work to ensure women and girls can access safe transport, can access housing, good quality jobs, training, health services and adult education.

This Council agrees that the best way of ensuring we do this is by establishing a Gateshead Women and Girls Committee, made up of women; Council members, officers, representatives of VCSE Groups, BME Groups, Health services, other public services and anchor organisations in Gateshead.

This Committee will establish a work programme and a timescale for carrying out our pledges and report back to Council by January 2025.

Proposed by: Councillor Douglas

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

Supported by: Councillor Donovan
Councillor Kirton