

**Council Member**  
Councillor Abrahamzadeh

Public

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Abrahamzadeh will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

- Notes Council's previous campaigns and initiatives in relation to family and domestic violence (Step Up for Gender Equality, Bystander Action Workshops, Women's Safety Mural and others).
- Notes the state's first public Coercive Control forum taking place in Adelaide in mid-March 2023.
- Requests administration to work with the Office for Women and relevant state government Minister and provide in-kind support for this forum where possible (hosting / facilitating the forum, assist in distribution of information about the forum and other activities deemed appropriate).'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The State Government is planning a public forum in Adelaide in mid-March 2023 on coercive control. The forum follows the State Government's election commitment to introduce legislation to criminalise coercive control and community consultation undertaken in late 2021.
2. Coercive control is a pattern of controlling and coercive behaviours over time that may include physical, sexual, psychological, financial and emotional abuse and intimidation. Coercive control is a form of domestic violence that is sometimes invisible to family and friends. While anyone can experience coercive control, women are more likely to be impacted.
3. A public forum on coercive control is:
  - 3.1. An important step in increasing community awareness about non-physical forms of domestic violence
  - 3.2. Consistent with City of Adelaide Safer City Policy 2019-2023 and Safer City Action Plan 2019-2023.
4. The City of Adelaide supports gender equality in relation to family and domestic violence through multiple campaigns and initiatives including:
  - 4.1. Step Up for Gender Equality
  - 4.2. Bystander Action Workshops
  - 4.3. Women's Safety Mural.
5. The City of Adelaide's gender equality initiatives aim to create a safer city environment where violence against women is less likely to occur as the community is equipped to take action to address the gendered drivers of violence. These are in addition to women's focussed safety initiatives such as Project Night Light, an education and training program focussed on the safety of women at late night venues.

6. The City of Adelaide established a Gender Equality Steering Group in May 2002 with membership across government, non-government and private organisations. The Office for Women is a member of the Steering Committee.
7. The Office for Women will present about their work in women's safety at the February 2023 meeting of the Gender Equality Steering Group.
8. The Office for Women is currently working with us to explore opportunities to partner with Council to host the public forum on coercive control in mid-March 2023, including the potential to use the Town Hall as the venue. Opportunities to further support the forum will be explored with the Office for Women.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Council Administration will work with the Office for Women to promote the March public forum on Coercive Control in collaboration with other Gender Equality Steering Group Members.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (e.g. contract breach)	Not as a result of this report
Impacts on existing projects	Not as a result of this report
Budget reallocation	Town Hall Hire costs: \$2,935 plus AV can be discounted by 10% for community focussed events. Cost information has been shared with the Office for Women.
Capital investment	Not as a result of this report
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hrs.

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