

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Bridges:

This Council is aware of the news that 'Winner Trading', the trading arm of the Preston Road Women's Centre (PRWC), is being investigated by the Social Housing Regulator due to a number of issues, including serious disrepair in some of the properties that they manage. The tenants of these properties are all women that have fled domestic abuse and violence. Earlier this year the same organisation was also reported to the Charity Commission.

Concerns have included:

- The level of disrepair including essential entrance/exit points
- Boarded up fire escapes
- Damp and mould
- Not having adequate safety and target hardening for the safety of tenants.

The Council referred Winner Trading to the Regulator, and this is to be commended. Council thanks the Officers that have ensured that the evidence has been gathered, analysed and acted upon.

Following on from International Women's Day, this Council wants to make clear its commitment to supporting people who are fleeing domestic abuse and advocate for them to be in decent and safe homes.

This Council commissions services from the PRWC to the tune of £107,000 per annum and the organisation has received other grants to improve its services.

Council resolves to request that the Executive commission a review of all Council funding to this organisation to see if the support being commissioned is being delivered appropriately, and that the findings of the review be referred to the Audit Committee.

Council further resolves to request the Executive to use the information the Council already has on the properties operated by Winner Trading to instruct Officers to conduct a set of environmental health surveys of those properties to gain a better picture of the extent of the disrepair and neglect.

Sources:

[Tenants of Hull charity Winner say 'safe houses' were not secure - BBC News](#)

[Hull's Preston Road Women's Centre given £1m lottery grant - BBC News](#)

[Founder of Hull women's centre named in King's Birthday Honours - BBC News](#)