

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	31st March 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	J MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11 SHOUT campaign		
Background	<p>Annie Britton, Lead Participation Worker, from the Cheshire East Youth Support Service and Oliver Probert-Hill, a Cheshire East Council Member of Youth Parliament, will attend to speak to the Town Council about the new SHOUT (Sexual Harassment OUT) campaign and to ask Congleton Town Council to pledge support for the campaign that can feature on the SHOUT web pages www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/shout</p> <p>Sexual harassment happens so often in the places where young people hang out – in person and online - you’d think it was normal. BUT IT’S NOT. From unwanted touching to sexist name-calling, there’s no excuse for this kind of behaviour, and it’s never the fault of the person who is being harassed.</p> <p>Cheshire East Council (CEC) and the Youth Council have surveyed 11-16-year-olds across the borough. 2,600 responded and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23% wanted to see changes for the better • 13% were angry • 7% were anxious • 6% were scared 		
Proposal	For Congleton Town Council to state its support for the campaign by preparing a statement for the group to use on its website.		
Environmental	None		
Equality	This project is aimed at addressing the important issue of sexual harassment amongst the young. This can have devastating consequences on a person’s confidence, self-worth and mental health.		
Financial	None		
Decision Requested	For Congleton Town Council to welcome the work of the SHOUT campaign and to pledge to support the group getting their messages out in Congleton.		