

OFFICERS REPORT**6.2 SUPPORT FOR THE THRIVE BY FIVE CAMPAIGN**

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James

MOTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Thrive by Five campaign to support high-quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning and childcare.
2. Formally advise the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Australian Local Government Association, that Council has endorsed the Thrive by Five campaign and supports the Associations in their involvement in the campaign.
3. Write to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, the Leader of the Opposition Anthony Albanese, the Minister for Education and Youth Alan Tudge, the Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth Amanda Rishworth, and local Federal Members of Parliament, seeking bipartisan support for the campaign's objectives.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for Council.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

There will be no impact on the internal resources of Council as the work to ensure consistent standards of care is the responsibility of the Commonwealth through the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Thrive by Five campaign aligns with the City of Monash Mission Statement 2021 – 2025: "Monash Council provides facilities and services, and advocates for the community, through the well-planned and balanced assessment of needs, for those who live, work and play in Monash. We listen to our community and research to ensure good decision making."

The campaign also aligns with the components of the Council Plan regarding the delivery of high performing services along with fostering an equitable, just and inclusive Monash

The campaign further aligns with The Monash Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021 – 2025, Pillar 3 - Safe and Respectful - requires a City where every member of the community is valued and respected, and has advocacy as the top priority.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Council Officers have been aware of the *Thrive by Five* campaign and are supportive of the potential outcomes which will further promote the best possible outcomes for each child to thrive.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Thrive by Five Campaign is broadly supported around Australia with 27 major organisations and a large number of prominent individuals providing their support to this work.