

**OFFICERS REPORT****YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**

Submitting Councillor: Crs Klisaris and Paterson

**MOTION**

*That Council:*

- 1. Notes that limited access to youth mental health services now exist in Monash through the establishment of an interim and very part-time Youth Mental Health hub in partnership with the local agencies for young Monash people.*
- 2. Acknowledges the longstanding and ongoing campaign by the City of Monash and the young people of Monash to establish a permanent hub for youth mental health in Monash via a federally funded headspace facility which has been unsuccessful to this point.*
- 3. Seeks a meeting with the Member for Chisholm, Julia Banks MP for a delegation of young people accompanied by the Mayor, Cr Paul Klisaris and Cr Rebecca Paterson to progress discussions on the importance of headspace for Monash.*

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications for this advocacy

**IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES**

Officers in the Children Youth and Family Services will need to support young people in this advocacy campaign to Government, particularly in organising the delegation to Member for Chisolm, Julia Banks MP.

Officers in the Communications Team will need to collaborate with Officers in from the Children, Youth and Family Services Team and the young people of Monash in any advocacy actions.

**COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES**

This motion builds on the advocacy work which Council has taken over the past four years as part of the Council Plan and in response to the expressed needs of the young people of Monash. Advocacy for a youth mental health service is a key action of the Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017 – 2021.

**RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES**

This motion is an extension of the advocacy program supported and guided by Council Officers but led by the young people of Monash, in particular the Monash Young Persons Reference Group and the Youth Ambassadors.

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no further considerations related to the Motion.