

OFFICERS' ADVICE**MIDDLE YEARS FUNDING**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

1. *Supports the motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria May 2018 State Council requesting that the MAV advocate to the State Government for additional funding to support the primary school age group, particularly the 5-10 year group; and*
2. *Endorses officers to work in partnership with the Eastern Melbourne Councils to commence a joint advocacy campaign.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

If the Notice of Motion is passed, Council Officers will assume the duties required to advocate for funding as part of their role within Council.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Notice of Motion relates to the Council plan and any relevant Council policies as follows: Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Objective – An Inclusive Community. Our people and our communities are healthy, connected and engaged. As stated, Council “will advocate with our community on issues that are important to them. We will ensure our services are accessible to all and continue to be responsive to changing community needs”.

A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021.

Active and Healthy – A city dedicated to optimal health and wellbeing for its community.

Engaged, Confident and Connected – A city which actively listens, engages and values community wisdom in shaping its own future.

Safe and Respectful – A city where every single member of the community is important.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

This notice Notice of Motion relates to ongoing advocacy for identified service gaps in the Monash community undertaken by the Community Development and Services directorate. The Early Years and Family Service Team provided two parent education sessions on “Does Your Child Suffer from Anxiety?” in 2017, with 90 parents attending with a larger than expected attendance of parents with primary school aged children. Mental Health for children and young people is an area of growing concern in the broader community.