



NOTICE OF MOTION TO ECLS COMMITTEE MEETING 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

Background

- Wave are a UK and Ireland wide network of individuals, organisations and elected representatives working together to reduce child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by at least 70% by the year 2030. This is the 70/30 campaign.

Further details of Wave and the 70/30 campaign can be found at-

<https://www.wavetrust.org/7030>

- Adverse Childhood Experiences can raise the likelihood of over 80 negative life outcomes, including mental health, drug addiction, suicide attempts, alcoholism, criminality, as well as several physical health issues.
- It is important to recognise the preventative work already being carried out by the Moray Council and acknowledge that there is an understanding of ACEs across services, including Education.
- It is important to realise the intergenerational impact ACE's can have on individuals. Trauma and its effects can be passed down through generations. The effects and associated costs of ACE's can last for multiple decades.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) can also result in the entrenchment of intergenerational health and income inequalities at the loss of over £20 billion per year to the UK economy.
- The effects of ACE's can be long term, intergenerational and complex. Each case is different and there can be substantial costs in educating a young person who has suffered an ACE. Due to the negative life outcomes associated with ACE's (See first bullet point) long term costs can apply to a number of services provided by Moray Council.
- over 700 MPs, MSPs, MLAs, AMs, mayors, and local Councillors have endorsed the campaign across all political parties.

Action

There are a number of things that can be done to help prevent young people in Moray from experiencing ACEs

To help facilitate this we are asking that this committee:-

- Notes the work of WAVE Trust and its 70/30 campaign to reduce levels of child abuse, neglect, and domestic abuse by 70 per cent by 2030;
- Recognises the role that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) play in the entrenchment of intergenerational health and income inequalities and the loss of over £20 billion per year to the UK economy. As well as significant costs in services provided by Local Authorities.
- Agrees that the Council should further develop a comprehensive early years' strategy to prevent harm to children before it happens, ensuring that all parents are supported to give children the best possible start in life.
- Agrees that the Council should explore with WAVE Trust (our/their) ideas on how to achieve 70/30, and to report back to Council within six months to indicate what would be required for the key recommendations of this strategy to be implemented and embedded within the culture and processes of the Moray Council.

Financial implications

- There will be no direct costs
- There will be an indirect cost of officer time.

Proposed By: Councillor Sonya Warren

Seconded By: Councillor Scott Lawrence

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