

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### **(1) from Councillor Reynolds**

“Aberdeenshire Council commends the work of the Aberdeenshire Child Protection Committee in response to child trafficking and exploitation.

Aberdeenshire Council notes with concern that the latest Scottish Government information and Police Scotland reports, show that potential victims of the broader crime of “adult” human trafficking, involving people being forced into economic slavery or sexually abused, have been identified across Scotland, including in Stonehaven.

The Chief Executive is requested

1. To ensure that all council staff and Councillors, are made aware that they could encounter potential victims of human trafficking in the course of their work, (including in cases where a person may be unaware that they are being trafficked)
2. To establish a clear system for the recording of such cases and reporting these to Police Scotland
3. To work collaboratively with the police and other partners, locally and nationally, to ensure that Aberdeenshire is a hostile environment to this trade in people
4. To work collaboratively with Community Safety partners to ensure that support is in place for all victims of trafficking”.

### **(2) from Councillor Cassie**

“Council notes that authorities in which Universal Credit has already been rolled out report that Universal Credit has created an increase in debt for the lowest income families and also an increase in rent arrears and evictions.

Aberdeenshire Council recognises that with the Universal Credit rollout in Aberdeenshire from November onwards the Council’s benefits section along with other council services will struggle and may fail to cope with the extra workload.

Council is concerned that this rollout will cause hardship in the festive period and that this will increase the pressures to our council services. Aberdeenshire Council asks that the Chief Executive writes to the Prime Minister Theresa May and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions David Gauke MP requesting that the rollout of Universal Credit be paused until all of its many problems are resolved”.