

McVey calls on all councillors to support demo on Thursday

SNP Cllr for Leith, Adam McVey, who is Council Leader called upon all elected councillors to take part in the [demonstration](#) against the cap on family tax credit and the so-called 'Rape Clause' planned for Thursday 19 April.



Council Leader Adam McVey

McVey said: "This policy is the worst attack on women and children by the UK government in my lifetime.

"It shows just how reckless the UK Government is. The Two Child Cap will push 200,000 children below the poverty line, and force women to prove that they have been raped, or face additional hardship for them and their family. This treatment is cruel and it is inexcusable.

"The issue of rape is an incredibly sensitive one, and it is not being treated as such. The very fact that women's aid organisations in Scotland are refusing to act as third-party

referrers should be a clear sign about the policy's viability and it's lack of understanding of the needs of victims.

"This is shameful policy damaging the life chances of children and families in Edinburgh and across the entire country. I look forward to joining with charities, agencies and activists at the protest on Thursday – and I am calling on all other councillors to join me. The Tory government needs to axe the two child limit and rape clause now."