

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 14 March 2022

**Decision No:** (CAB 21/22 33531)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care
SUBJECT:	Southampton Care Leaver Offer
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### THE DECISION

- (i) That the proposed Draft Care Leavers offer as detailed in appendix 1 be adopted by the Council.
- (ii) That the Offer be reviewed by the Executive Director of Children's Services by 1st September 2022 to consider further offers available to our young people leaving care from across the council developed through a task and finish group.
- (iii) That the care leaver offer is published on 1st April 2022 and thereafter discussed and reviewed with the care leavers forum biannually to consider if there are any gaps in the offer and how, as corporate parents, Southampton City Council and partners can mitigate these.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Local authority has a duty as corporate parent to provide services to children and young people who are leaving care. These services should be laid out in an offer which demonstrates how the local authority will support young people with issues around relationships, finance, housing, health and aspirations.

This offer has been devised through discussions with young people and the pathways service to help consider any gaps in provision to our young people, but also to formalise offers that have developed over time to ensure a level playing field and equal access to all care leavers.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

We have considered the option of not updating our care leavers offer. We cannot do this as we must ensure our offer is fresh, moves with the times and meets the changing needs of our care leaver population. In developing this offer, we have looked at offers from other local authorities that are judged 'good' or 'outstanding' by

Ofsted. This draft offer is positive for our young people who are leaving care.

We are still working with all areas of the council and partners to go further where possible, for example by considering what practical offers they can make to our care leavers. We would of course return to Cabinet if there are additional resourcing implications as directed through our CMB interface.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

#### **SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in ( <i>if applicable</i> )