

COUNCIL
18 JANUARY 2018**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following Notice of Motion. The Constitution provides that any submitted motion must be moved and seconded at the meeting. Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.
2. If a motion is in relation to the exercise of an executive function it will be referred to the Cabinet for decision (if applicable this will be indicated below). Otherwise the Council may decide itself to determine the Motion, or refer it to the Cabinet or another appropriate Committee for advice before determining it at the next available meeting.

Notice of Motion 1 – Transition support for young people leaving care in Worcestershire**3. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.**

4. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr T Baker-Price, Ms S A Webb, Mr A Stafford, and Mrs J A Potter.

"This Council recognises the challenges young people face transitioning out of the care system into adulthood. Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that 57% of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.

This Council aspires to champion the children and young people in its care, enabling them to have the best possible outcomes. To improve outcomes for Care leavers this Council believes the cliff edge of the current council tax system needs to be reformed to help Worcestershire's young people transition into an independent and successful adult life.

This Council believes care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions.

This Council resolves to underline its commitment to corporate parenting and improving outcomes and requests Worcestershire's six council tax billing

authorities to support the transition of care leavers who become council tax payers by:

1. Reducing their net liability for council tax under the national scheme and after council tax support to zero, until the care leaver's 21st birthday.
2. Introducing a transitional discretionary discount scheme to enable a reduction of liability for council tax up to and including zero from their 21st birthday until the care leaver's 25th birthday."

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.