

# Corporate Parenting Board

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Care Leaver Offer 2022

Choose an item.

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**Local Councillor(s):** Cllr

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**Report Status:** Public

#### **Recommendation:**

Corporate Parenting Board to support the Care Leaver Offer for 2022.

#### **Reason for Recommendation:**

The recommendations in this report support Dorset Council having a clear framework, which will set out the offer and entitlements for Care Leavers.

#### **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Care Leaver offer has been created in conjunction with our Care Leavers in relation to its presentation. The full offer is to update our Corporate Parenting members as to Dorset Councils Current Offer. This offer will be updated annually in conjunction with our care leavers.

#### **2. Financial Implications**

- 2.1 The annual revenue budget to support the Care Leaver Offer is £303,900. There is also funding from the S31 Extended Personal Adviser duty Implementation Grant (New Burdens), for 2021/22 the amount Dorset is

receiving from this grant is £85,708. Unspent grant from previous years has been carried forward and the balance is £106,583.

- 2.2 For 2021/22 it is anticipated that the revenue budget will cover the expenditure, in which case the grant funding (£85,708) will be added to the £106,583 balance and carried forward.
- 2.3 The cost varies year by year and is difficult to estimate due to the number of variables (e.g. the number of eligible care leavers, the number of set up grants paid out in a year, the amount of emergency financial assistance required, the number attending university, etc, etc.). The maximum cost is estimated to be £440,419, this is £136,000 more than budget and the shortfall would be funded by using the grant funding.

### **3. Well-being and Health Implications**

- 3.1 The Care Leaver Offer supports our Care Leavers in key areas of their lives to support better health and wellbeing outcomes.

### **4. Climate implications**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

### **5. Other Implications**

- 5.1 Not applicable .

### **6. Risk Assessment**

- 6.1 Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: low  
Residual Risk: low

### **7. Equalities Impact Assessment**

- 7.1 Although Care Leavers are a vulnerable group in and of themselves, the Care Leaver Offer will make additional provision for several groups of young adults with vulnerable characteristics. This includes additional support to young people with a disability, experience low emotional wellbeing and poor mental health.

**8. Appendices**

8.1 Appendix A – Care Leaver Offer February 2022.

**9. Background Papers**

9.1 Not Applicable.