



# **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**26 NOVEMBER 2021**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARE LEAVERS POLICY AND  
POLICY FOR SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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**Relevant Cabinet Member**  
Andy Roberts,





22. The Financial Assistance to Care Leavers policy (attached) has been constructed and is in accordance with the appropriate statute, regulations and guidance and specifically: Children Act 1989; Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000; Children and Social Work Act 2017; Staying Put Guidance, May 2013; Volume 3 of the Children Act

confirms that the attached policy is a merely a clarification of the existing policy/protocol and as a result there is no need for consultation.

23. The policy may see an increase in Kinship Carers exploring a move to becoming a Special Guardian. There is no significant financial impact as we already pay for the Kinship packages, so a decrease in these will offset by an increase in Special Guardian of a similar level will have net nil effect and is including within the current budget.

## **Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments**

A **joint impact assessment (JIA)** screening (and any full impact assessments if screening indicates that they are required) **must** have been completed before the cabinet member decision report is submitted.

A. The JIA screening did not identify any potential considerations requiring further assessment during implementation.

B. Finance Assistance for Care Leavers: The JIA screening has been carried out in respect of these recommendations. It identified that further impact analysis will be required in respect of: Equality & Public Health Impact Assessment

B. Special Guardianship Financial Support: The JIA screening has been carried out in respect of these recommendations. It identified that further impact analysis will be required in respect of: Data Protection Full Impact Assessment and Equality & Public Health Full Impact Assessment

C. Finance Assistance for Care Leavers: A full Equality and Public Health, Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the recommendations.

This identified no potential negative impact.

C. Special Guardianship Financial Support: A full Equality and Public Health & Data Protection Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the recommendations.

This identified no potential negative impact.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1 Financial Assistance to Care Leavers policy

Appendix 2 Special Guardianship Financial Support policy

Appendix 3 Care Leavers Local Offer

Appendix 4 Kinship Strategy 2012

Appendix 5 Family & Friends Policy 2011

Appendix 6 Joint Impact Assessment Financial Assistance to Care Leavers

Appendix 7 Full Equality and Public Health Impact Assessment for Financial Assistance to Care Leavers

Appendix 8 Joint Impact Assessment Special Guardianship Financial Support

Appendix 9 Full Equality and Public Health Impact Assessment for Special Guardianship Financial Support

Appendix 10 Full Data Protection Impact Assessment for Special Guardianship  
Financial Support

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**Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Chief Executive Worcestershire  
Children First & Director of Childrens Services)