

POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Environment and Community Panel		
DATE:	3 rd October 2023		
TITLE:	Care Leavers Covenant		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Cabinet Report		
PORTFOLIO(S):	People and Communities		
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OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FUTURE CABINET REPORT:	Yes

REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE

<p>PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:</p> <p>Local Authorities have a legal obligation to support care leavers under the Children & Social Work Act 2017. The Care Leavers Covenant has been developed in response to the Government’s 2016 policy document “Keep on Caring” to support young people from care to independence. Agreeing that the Council should undertake action to meet the requirements of the Care Leavers Covenant will provide a framework for developing the Council’s offer to Care Leavers in west Norfolk and demonstrate our commitment to helping those leaving/having left care to live independently.</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES:</p> <p>Members are directed to the Cabinet report for full details of the key issues which will follow.</p>
<p>OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>Members are directed to the Cabinet report for full details of the options which will follow.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>The Panel are requested to consider the report and make any appropriate recommendations to Cabinet.</p> <p>Cabinet recommendation is that the Council commits to taking action to meet the requirements of the Care Leavers Covenant.</p>
<p>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>To scrutinise recommendations being made for an executive decision.</p>