


WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CARE LEAVERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP CARERS

Date of Decision	26 November 2021
Decision Maker	Councillor A Roberts, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families
Brief Description of Decision	<p>(a) Approval of the newly created policy Financial Assistance for Care Leavers, set out in Appendix 1</p> <p>(b) Approval of the newly created policy Special Guardianship Financial Support, set out in Appendix 2</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 made amendments to the Children Act 1989 and was implemented on 1st October 2001. It places a duty upon the Local Authority to provide services to all eligible, relevant and former relevant young people, which includes financial assistance. • A single policy on how Worcestershire Children First provides financial assistance to Care Leavers will ensure requests for financial support are treated consistently and within the policy guidelines. • The Special Guardianship Regulations 2005 and the DfES guidance to the regulations, govern the processes by which Local Authorities exercise their discretion in determining requests for special guardianship support services, including Regulation 6 financial support. • A single policy on the Worcestershire Children First approach to Special Guardianship Financial Allowances

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Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	As set out in the report. The opportunity is being taken to clarify the approach to both financial assistance to care leavers and Special Guardianship Financial Allowances, so to do nothing is not a realistic alternative option.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	None.
Signature of Decision Maker	
Date of Implementation of Decision	3 December 2021