

## **Motions Submitted to Council**

### **In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution**

#### **Motion 1**

##### **Submitted by Councillor J Kent**

Care leavers who were looked after by the Council are amongst the most vulnerable groups in our community. As Corporate parents we should aim to keep young people safe and improve their life chances. Therefore Thurrock Council resolves that - to help ensure the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, that the executive bring forward plans and a decision to exempt care leavers from paying Council Tax up to the age of 25 from 2018/19.

##### **Monitoring Officer Comments:**

The Motion relates to a matter which affects the Authority or the Authority' area and for which the Authority has a relevant function.

##### **Section 151 Officer Comments:**

The average cost of implementing this for each year of a care leavers' age is £17,000. This motion requests support for a period of seven years and so would result in a cost, through loss of council tax income, of £119,000.

##### **Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?**

Yes