

8 October 2019		ITEM: 12
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Local Offer to Care Leavers		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: N/A	
Report of: Janet Simon, Strategic Lead for Children Looked After		
Accountable Assistant Director: Sheila Murphy, Assistant Director of Children's Services		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health and Interim Director of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

This report is to update Members on Thurrock's Local Offer to Care Leavers.

- 1. Recommendation(s)**
 - 1.1 That the Members are informed about Thurrock's Local Offer to Care Leavers**
- 2. Introduction and Background**
 - 2.1 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires each local authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its care leavers.
 - 2.2 This report sets out Thurrock's offer to its Care Leavers and what support the local authority will provide to its care leavers.
- 3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**

N/A
- 4. Reasons for Recommendation**
 - 4.1 Members should be aware of Thurrock Council's Offer to Care Leavers and how we are meeting these.
- 5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

5.1 Care Leavers have been consulted in preparing this report.

6. **Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

None

7. **Implications**

7.1 **Financial**

Implications verified by: **Michelle Hall**
Management Accountant

Extending the Personal Advisor duty to age 25.

The major implication is in respect of the requirement to extend the provision of advice and support, a personal advisor (PA) and a pathway plan to young people up to 25 who are not in education or training. The legislation also affects young people who are present in the UK, but have no recourse to public funds such as former UASC.

7.2 **Legal**

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**
Deputy Head of Legal (Social Care and Education)

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires each local authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its care leavers.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 also requires local authorities to have regard to seven corporate parenting principles when discharging their functions in relation to looked-after children and care experienced young people. The local offer should set out what support all local authorities will provide (not just Children's Services), having regard to the corporate parenting principles.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Price**
Team Manager - Community Development and Equalities

The Service is committed to practice, which promotes inclusion and diversity, and will carry out its duties in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and related Codes of Practice and Anti-discriminatory policy. . Placements and

Staff members represent diverse backgrounds and heritage and are able to promote equality and diversity.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

7.5 Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

www.thurrock.gov.uk/young-people-leaving-care/when-you-leave-care

8. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1 – Thurrock Council: Guide for Young Adults Leaving Our Care

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