

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – Proposed RECORD OF DECISION

<p><b>DECISION TAKEN BY</b></p> <p>Peter Oakford, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services</p>
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<p><b>DECISION NO.</b></p> <p>15/00005</p>
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*If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*

**Subject: :** Care Leavers Support Policy

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services, I:

- 1) AGREE that Kent County Council adopt the new Care Leavers Support Policy as attached to the recommendation report.
- 2) DELEGATE to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health & Wellbeing, or other suitable officer, responsibility to implement this decision.

**Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken:** *None expected*

**Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information**  
 The new policy is needed to meet the council’s statutory responsibilities by creating a policy for all children in care that will:

- Provide consistency of application of the policy between indigenous and previously unaccompanied asylum seeking care leavers.
- Provide clear guidance for staff, care leavers, foster carers, partner agencies and third sector organisations.
- Be clear about the amount of funds available and any legal process that may apply.

**Background Documents:**  
 There will be a decision recommendation report from Corporate Director to Cabinet Member.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

*The comments and endorsement or recommendations of the Children’s Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee will be added after the 20 January 2015.*

**Any alternatives considered:**  
 The policy is required to meet the council’s statutory responsibilities.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**  
*None expected*

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			