

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 JULY 2024

**REPORT OF SENIOR
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE

SUMMARY

Council is asked to agree that 'care experience' is recognised as a locally protected characteristic to demonstrate the Council's commitment as a Corporate Parent. This ensures that our care-experienced young people do not face inequality and that their needs are at the heart of all our decision-making, alongside other groups who formally share a protected characteristic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council notes the report to Cabinet identifying a range of measures to support our care-experienced young people.
2. Council agrees that 'Care Experienced' is formally recognised as a locally protected characteristic within the Borough, ensuring that the needs of our care-experienced young people are prioritised in all Council decision-making processes.

DETAIL

1. Members are asked to note the report to Cabinet at Appendix 1, this sets out a range of measures to support care-experienced young people. The report includes a proposal to be considered by the Council for the recognition of 'care experience' as a locally protected characteristic. The rationale for this designation is set out in the Cabinet report.
2. The report was due to be considered by Cabinet at its latest meeting on 18 July 2024.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

The measures will have a borough-wide impact, helping care experienced young people across all wards.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Southampton City Council, Corporate Rent Guarantor Policy 2024

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