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Leicestershire Procedure for: GUIDANCE- Consideration of Payment of Council Tax Bills for Care Leavers who Live Outside of Leicestershire

Applies to: Children in Particular Circumstances

CONSIDERATION OF Payment of Council Tax bills for Care Leavers who live outside of Leicestershire – Staff Guidance

It has been agreed that LCC will support Care Leavers AROUND their council tax when they live outside of Leicestershire.

This is a discretionary scheme and ANY payments MAY only be made where the young person works with staff and provides all the relevant information on their council tax liability and bill, and their personal and financial circumstances so that an assessment can be undertaken to ensure all the correct discounts, exemptions and council tax support assistance have been applied to the council tax bill before LCC makes ANY payment.

The scheme applies to all care leavers who are liable for council tax from 18-25 years.

ANY Payments will be made directly to the relevant council by LCC.

Payments MAY be made to a maximum level of the Band A Council Tax amount of the council area that the young person lives in. (For example this is £1528.34pa in Leicester City 2024-2025).

If the Care Leaver has joint liability with another person a 100% reimbursement can still be made.

ANY Payments can only be made BY LCC for council tax liability from April 2024 under this scheme.

The payment will usually be one payment to cover the whole financial year.

If the young person moves during the year, they will be expected to request a refund of their remaining council tax amount and use this refund towards any new bill for a new property, a further payment will not usually be considered during that financial year.



Any payment will usually be made by the relevant staff member who is working with the young person via their P card.

The scheme covers all Care Leavers with a council tax liability whatever their circumstances e.g. whether they are receiving benefits or working.