

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Approval of Awarding of Council Tax Discount to Care Leavers

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jon Ritchie

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

Not applicable

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

This report has been prepared to provide the Director Resources with details of the proposed change to the existing 'Care Leavers Discount' adopted by the Authority and to seek his approval under his delegated powers to approve this proposed change.

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 1

To agree the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of the accompanying report; or

Option 2

Not to agree to the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

6. Decisions

Option 1

To agree the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Option 1 enables the Authority to:

- Provide support to all appropriate care leavers whilst they become used to managing finances and prevent them from accruing Council Tax arrears.
- It will provide support at a difficult transition period in life of the young adult leaving care.
- Reduce confusion over which authority provides what discounts by providing a standard reciprocal approach across the North East region.
- The outlined approach is the desired approach being adopted by all other regional authorities.

8. Date decision made

28 July 2025

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

5 August 2025

10. Date of Publication

29 July 2025

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

6 August 2025 (to note that this will be backdated to 1 April 2025).