

Council Tax Care Leavers Consultation Responses

Responder	Comments
LA officer	This is vital to those not having a stable environment.
Third Sector Partner	Agree to the proposals
SBC Councillor from Children's O&S Committee	Fully support proposals & agree cost is minimal
Parish Council	Approves & fully supports
Parish Council	Good reasons to do so, but awards should be means tested
Parish Council	Agree with proposals to support under 21s and those under 25 in hardship
Advice Agency Partner	<p>Agree with Proposals – Council tax discount would be beneficial to care leavers who are adjusting to independent living often on a low income. Having left supported living it is challenging to leave care, identify what income they are entitled to/can earn and learn to budget all at the same time. This assistance would help them as they manage their income and learn to budget the cost of high living, particularly with rents and other necessities (energy and food) on the increase.</p> <p>21-25 year olds: If the payment could cause undue hardship then yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Alongside the proposed measures, financial inclusion and capability training should be offered to give them a better financial start to life.</p>
Parish Council	<p>18-20 year olds - Believe that the proposal is a reasonable suggestion</p> <p>21-25 year olds - Concerned about other young people that could find themselves in the same situation through no fault of their own, e.g. some parents may decide that their children should fend for themselves and be thrown out of home</p>