

Midlothian Council

Labour Group

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Tuesday 25 June 2019

Notice of Motion

Rent Support for Care Experienced Students

Midlothian Council recognises the Care Experienced Student Bursary, provided by the Students Awards Agency Scotland, is designed to provide financial support for costs while studying. We also recognise that many care experienced students will be unable to access the same family support while studying, that many other young people receive. Care experienced students are unlikely to be eligible for benefits out with the Care Experienced Bursary therefore resulting in a rent liability.

Part of our role as proud corporate parents is to promote educational development. We need to be ambitious to attract more care experienced students into further and higher education, as research evidences that those with a care experienced background are more likely to enter a negative post school destination.

We are determined to look after our care experienced young people as we would look after our own children.

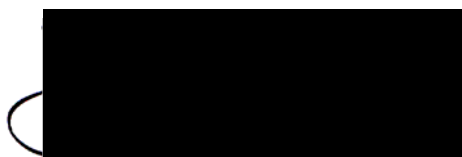
Midlothian Council therefore agrees to work with the Integration Joint Board to provide financial support for care experienced students who are our tenants and in receipt of the Care Experienced Bursary. Officers are requested to implement and evolve policy in line with the principles of this motion.

Moved:



Councillor Stephen Curran

Seconded:



Councillor Jim Muirhead