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## Local offer for Care leavers

We are your Corporate Parents. We will always listen to you about your ambitions, when things are not going well, or when your circumstances have changed. As your Corporate Parents we will always seek to provide you with the most helpful emotional, practical or financial support when you need it and make sure that we are there for you.

**1**

We want you to feel safe and secure in your home. As a Care Leaver you have access to an enhanced housing offer with the council. When you are ready for your own home, we will support you to bid on a Band B property with Hull City Council or help you to access other accommodation that meets your needs and is of a suitable standard. This includes the availability of deposits to access the Private Rented Sector.

**2**

We will make sure that your first home with Hull City Council is decorated and equipped so that it feels like home. We will pay your first two weeks rent for you. If you move home, we will help you do this and will pay for removal costs where we agree with you that this is needed. You will be entitled to a £2000 setting up home cost allowance and we will help and support you to budget to get the most from the allowance.

**3**

We will make sure that you have suitable internet access in your home, and this will be at a reduced cost to you. We will provide you with a laptop or tablet, if you do not have one, to enable you to take up education, employment and training and to support you to access safe and secure online services.

**4**

We will pay your council tax while you live alone in Hull or in any area where the council do not give care leavers council tax exemption. We will do this up to your 21st birthday. If you live with someone, you will still be entitled to a reduction, and we will talk to you about this.

**5**

We will support you to access driving lessons where we agree with you that this is appropriate. We will match your own contributions to your driving lessons and will pay for a maximum of 10 lessons. We will pay for your theory test and first practical driving test.

**6**

We will help to get into your chosen employment, education or training and will pay for any items you need to access your course, training, or employment, for example, interview clothes, hair dressing equipment or training specific clothing advised by college. For those going to University we will pay your accommodation costs.

**7**

We will pay for your training and education enrolment fees and explore how we can help you get to work.

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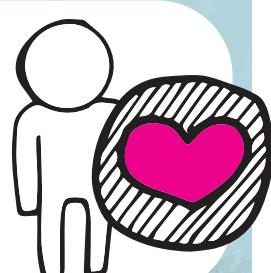
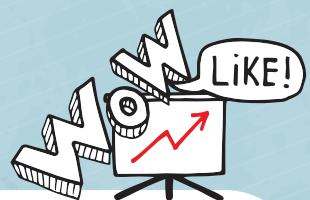
We will support you into an apprenticeship with the Council if that is what you want and will pay you a living wage. We will make sure that you are not financially worse off by being an apprentice.

**9**

We know that when things are difficult you may need extra help with how you are feeling. Your PA will always support you and help you, but if you need specialist help we will work with other health services and make sure that you are able to take up the offer of support.

**10**

We will make sure you have help around your health and support you with dental, prescription and optician costs where this is needed.



For guidance around how to access the above, and a range of other support that is available, please see the Local Offer Website or talk to your PA.