

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL	DATE	
DATE RECEIVED	07/03/2018	SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Chris Barry

Merthyr Tydfil CBC notes that:

- 1) A 2016 report by The Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely challenging and with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty.
- 2) Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.
- 3) Care leavers who were looked after by the local Authority are amongst the most vulnerable groups in our community. As a corporate parent the Council should aim to keep young people safe and improve their live chances.
- 4) The local authority has a duty of care to care leavers

Council Resolves:

- 1) To exempt all care leavers living in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough from council tax up to the age of 25



**Councillor Chris Barry**



**Councillor Darren Roberts**