

Date of meeting: 20 July 2023

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

To recognise care leavers and the elderly as a protected characteristic

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

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2. As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility towards looked after children.
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Proposed by: Cllr Meadows
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Seconded by: Cllr

Recommendations to read if carried:

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