



## Motion on Young Carers Research Group

1. The Council referred a motion to the Adult Social Care Select Committee and the Children & Education Select Committee at its meeting on 6 May 2014. The text of the motion is included in (**annex 1**) of this report.
2. To assist with considering the motion, it was agreed to establish a joint research group, Motion on Young Carers Research Group, comprised Zully Grant-Duff (Chairman), Margaret Hicks, Colin Kemp and Richard Walsh.
3. The Motion on Young Carers Research Group presented a report to the Adult Social Care Select Committee on 26 June 2014. A copy of the full report is available under item 12 of the agenda for that meeting. The recommendations outlined within the report were endorsed by the Committee (**annex 2**), and will be monitored, in the first instance, through the recommendations tracker of the Adult Social Care Select Committee.
4. The Research Group had been informed by witnesses that expanding Pupil Premium to young carers could potentially incentivise schools in identifying this group. However, it has to be recognised that many young carers do not wish to be identified. Additionally witnesses suggested there would need to be some criteria in place to address the fact that not all young carers identified in schools would require education support, but instead could be supported through engagement with social services or the Young Carers' Service.
5. The Research Group are of the view that the identification of need linked to the appropriate support and response for young carers is the current priority, rather than a focus on the Pupil Premium. The group notes it is recognised good practice that support for young carers should follow a multi agency approach, in order to achieve the best outcomes for young people and their families.
6. Therefore, the motion was not supported.

**Dr Zully Grant-Duff,**  
**Chairman of Children & Education Select Committee**

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