



**THIS PAPER RELATES TO  
ITEM 16  
ON THE AGENDA**

## **Motion to Clackmannanshire Council Meeting** **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

### **Keeping The Promise in Council Policies**

Council notes the national commitment to Keep The Promise, ensuring that care-experienced children, young people, adults, and their families are supported to live happy, healthy lives, with love and respect at the heart of all public services.

Council further notes that Clackmannanshire Council formally made its commitment to Keeping The Promise on 30 March 2022.

Council recognises that fulfilling The Promise requires reviewing all existing and future policies through the lens of its principles. Council acknowledges that this will be a complex and ongoing process, taking time to complete comprehensively across all service areas.

Council therefore affirms its commitment to:

1. Ensuring that The Promise will be explicitly considered in the development of every new Council policy.
2. Reviewing all existing Council policies through The Promise lens in accordance with Keeping the Promise Plan 2023-2026.
3. In the meantime, where existing policies risk conflicting with, or may not fully reflect, the spirit or principles of The Promise, officers may be empowered to exercise flexibility and discretion. In such cases, senior managers should refer matters to the Extended Senior Management Team ensuring that decisions remain consistent, legally sound, and appropriately documented.
4. Ensuring that any such flexing of policies will be recorded to inform future policy reviews and to maintain transparency.

By adopting this approach, Council reaffirms its determination to ensure that all decisions and services support the wellbeing, rights, and aspirations of care-experienced people in Clackmannanshire.



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