

Council 21.02.21

## 32/21      Motion: Derby's Children and Young People Deserve Better

The following motion was moved by Councillor Hezelgrave, and seconded by Councillor Dhindsa:

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*Given the detrimental effects of the Covid pandemic on children and young people's education, and the urgent need to deliver better education outcomes in Derby, Council resolves that the Leader of the Council should:*

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- 2. write to the Secretary of State to urge him to develop a 5-year strategy for pandemic recovery measures in education*
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It was moved by Councillor Lind and seconded by Councillor Skelton that the motion be amended by the addition of the words 'to be presented to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Board' to the final sentence of the final paragraph.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

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**Resolved:**

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