

“Together, we can build a Hull that we as young people are proud to call our home, a city where every young person knows their voice matters, their safety is a priority, and their future is bright.”  
*Eunice, Hull Young Lord Mayor*



# Hull's Children & Young People's Plan 2025 – 2030

# How your plan was created...

The Children and Young People's Plan is an important plan for the city's children. It shares ambitions with Hull's Community Plan and has been co-produced with children, young people, partners and Hull City Council. The plan captures those things that young people tell us are most important to help support them to thrive, learn, grow, feel safe and reach their full potential.

All information had been brought together in this new plan to provide you with the assurance that we care and we will do everything to make life in Hull good for you.

We're confident that this five-year plan will support children and young people throughout the transformational shift in how early help and statutory services will be delivered nationally as part of the system-wide Families First Partnership Programme.

# 1

We consulted with almost **4,000** young people aged 11-16 through Hull's Health and Wellbeing Survey to find out about your health, how you look after yourself and whether you feel that you have enough access to information to support your wellbeing.

# 2

Hull developed a simple survey called SHOUT which asked children and young people between the ages of 7 and 18 about their lives, lived experiences, hopes, wishes and aspirations. In total, **5,205** responded to the survey.

# 3

We held workshops with partner organisations including the voluntary and community sector, the fire service, health, the police and staff across Hull City Council to generate ideas around making Hull a child friendly city where children can grow up safely, have the best start in life and feel protected from discrimination and harm, access to high quality, inclusive, education and skills opportunities and with a broad range of employment opportunities.

# About Hull – Your City

A rich **maritime history**, a **major port**, an **esteemed poet**, a campaigner for **anti-slavery**, a **pioneering female pilot** and an abundance of **culture, music** and **vibrancy**, Hull is iconic and home to 64,400 children and young people aged under 18 (89,300 aged under 25).



There are **71** primary schools, **13** secondary schools, **6** special schools and **7** establishments offering alternative provision. We have **4** schools offering sixth forms and there is also Hull College, Wyke College and Wilberforce College for young people to study subjects after they turn 16.



The university of Hull offers higher education for those older young people who wish to study in the city.



The council and our partners provide **14** youth provisions for young people, aged 10-25 across Hull.



The council runs **16** children's homes where up to **40** children can live and be looked after.



The council, together with partners, support **8,624** children and young people with identified special education needs, including **2,315** with education, health and care plans.



There are **133** different languages, including English and British Sign Language, spoken in Hull, representing a diverse range of cultures and nationalities.

“Last year things felt bad, and I didn’t know where to go. Now I know I can come here whenever I need to and have someone to talk to. There are people I can connect with, I think that when you are different at school, nobody else knows how you feel, so coming here has made me feel comfortable.”

*Boy 15, talking about youth centres*

“My vision is that Hull will become a place where young people feel proud to live in and to safely express themselves, paving the way for a lifelong success.”

*Girl 14*

“Together, let’s shape the future we want for our community. We face challenges, but together we can solve them. This is just the beginning, join me in shaping a brighter future for Hull and its young people.”

*Girl 15, Young Representatives Group*

# Our Ambitions

Hull's Community Plan sets out six ambitions for the city, each one recognising that you are important to Hull. We will work hard to help protect you, make sure you're healthy, help you to achieve your potential in a city that is clean and safe and a good place to live, whilst also helping to ensure that there are careers across a range of organisations and industries.

**1** SAFE AND WELCOMING NEIGHBOURHOODS



We want all of your voices to be heard, across all communities, including under-represented groups. Your lived experiences will shape how we design and deliver services. To do this we will listen and reflect your voices, representing all of you in all of our work.

**6** OUR CULTURE, OUR HERITAGE, OUR CITY



We are ambitious for you. We want to empower you, aspire for you and help you grow into kind, successful and balanced young adults. To do this we will lead by example, implement an 'anything is possible' approach and think **BIG**.

**5** RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY



**2** A HEALTHIER AND FAIRER HULL



We want to celebrate your achievements and help every one of you to see value in what you do and the role you play in making the city child friendly. To do this we will involve you in co-producing plans and being part of decision-making wherever possible. We will work collaboratively across organisations and with you to inform the services that you use.

**3** REACHING OUR POTENTIAL



We want you to be at the centre of all decisions and we want your experiences to be considered at every opportunity. We want to understand the impact on you and the benefit of all decisions. To do this we will incorporate a 'child lens' across all decision-making.

**4** ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT WORKS FOR ALL



# What you told us...

The SHOUT survey recognises that a significant majority of children feel safe at school and home. Key factors contributing to their happiness include spending time with family, engaging in hobbies like sports and gaming, and feeling supported and cared for by loved ones.



“Having access to gaming, sports and being with friends are all important to me.”



“Being heard and having a voice in and out of school are all important as I grow up.”

Bullying is a significant worry for children who tell us this impacts on their emotional and mental well-being. You tell us that online bullying is the biggest worry for you.




You feel unsafe when you're alone.



**Support you to make positive choices**




**Be ambitious for you; anything is possible**



**Signpost you to the right services at the right time**



**Support you to access activities that you're interested in**



**Collaborate with you to better understand your needs**



**Celebrate your achievements**

"I don't always feel safe when visiting local parks or when travelling on public transport."



"Family and friends are important to me and I feel supported by my loved ones."



"Smiling and laughing make me feel good."



There are children in Hull who told us they don't have all three meals per day.



**Support you to achieve your potential**



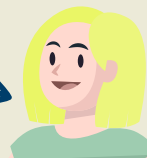
**Make sure you have the best start in life from the moment you're born**



**Improve transport options to help you move safely around the city**



**Help you to access good quality jobs and learning opportunities**



**Listen to you and help reduce inequalities**



**Involve you in decision making**

# How we'll know we've made a difference

- ✦ **Reduced numbers of children receiving statutory interventions.**
- ✦ **Good level of development at early years.**
- ✦ **Reduced exclusions and absences from school.**
- ✦ **Achievement at Key Stage 2 and 4.**
- ✦ **More young people in education, training and employment opportunities.**
- ✦ **Fewer young people re-offending or becoming known to the Youth Justice System.**
- ✦ **Lower waiting lists for health services.**
- ✦ **More children eating a healthy diet and doing physical activity.**
- ✦ **Better physical and mental health.**
- ✦ **Fewer children experiencing bullying.**
- ✦ **Reduced alcohol, tobacco and drug use.**
- ✦ **Positive feedback from children and young people.**
- ✦ **Positive feedback from parents and carers.**

We'd love to make Hull a Child Friendly City. To help achieve this we asked you what the most important things are to you and to create a wish list. Your views have highlighted that it is essential that we help you feel safe, valued, supported, encourage your aspirations, provide platforms for your voices and address safety concerns so that your development and happiness are prioritised.

Your wish list will influence the priorities for children and young people in the city and will inform ambition 3 of Hull City Council's Community Plan (reaching our potential). Your wishes are:



**Opportunities to find employment**



**Enjoy School/College**



**To be heard**



**Feel mentally well**



**Feel safe in the community**



**Feel safe at home**



**Able to freely access the internet**



**To meet friends**



**Feel healthy**



**To have a voice**

# Thank you!

Thank you to all of the children and young people, partners and staff within Hull City Council who worked together to develop this Children and Young People's Plan.

Whether you completed a survey, took part in a workshop, contributed data and information or helped with the look and feel of the plan, your contributions are greatly appreciated and have shaped the plan.

We will work hard to help children feel safe, valued, and supported. Encouraging your aspirations, providing platforms for your voices, and addressing safety concerns can contribute to your holistic development and happiness.



**You can find out more about the Community Plan at [hull.gov.uk/downloads/file/3917/communityPlan.pdf](https://hull.gov.uk/downloads/file/3917/communityPlan.pdf) or by scanning the QR code above:**

