

Report to the Full Council



19 June 2025

Wards: All

Hull's Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2030

Report of the Director of Children, Young People and Family Services

This item is not exempt
Therefore exempt reasons are not applicable

This is a non-key decision.

1. Purpose of the Report and Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for the Hull Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The CYPP is a policy framework document which outlines how the local authority and its partners will work together to improve the lives and outcomes of the children and young people in Hull over the five years to 2030.

This paper describes how the plan was created and what the next steps are.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council approves the Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2030.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Children and Young People's Plan is listed in Article 8 of the Council's Constitution as a Policy Framework Document and consequently requires the approval of Full Council.

3.2 The Plan has been developed through a process of co-production and consultation with young people across the city, supported by the city's Multi Academy Trusts, and represents a clear vision for the future of engagement of young people in service development within the city.

4. Key Organisational Impacts

4.1 The reports sets out the approach to developing the Children and Young People's Plan and outlines the schedule of meetings which will enable the plan to be adequately shared amongst officers, members, partners and young people in the first half of the first year of the plan.

4.2 Equalities Impact Information

There is no direct equalities impact.

5. Consultation

5.1 The Children and Young People's Plan has been developed through a process of co-production and extensive consultation supported by Multi Academy Trusts and Schools across the city.

It is the subject of consultation with members of the Executive and Scrutiny as well as wider partners through formal partnership structures:

- Children and Families Scrutiny Commission (**May 2025**)
- Children's Services Improvement Board (**20th May 2025**)
- Better Together Partnership Board (**5th June 2025**)
- Council (**19th June 2025**)

The Children and Young People's Plan will be presented to:

- Young people who were involved in the co-design, at The Warren.
- Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Board – date to be confirmed.
- Corporate Parenting Panel – date to be confirmed.
- Area Committees – date(s) to be confirmed.

To support the consultation process and wider engagement throughout the five year period of the plan, a communication plan will be developed with the corporate media officer.

6. Background

6.1 The CYPP is an important plan for the city's children, and it shares ambitions with Hull's Community Plan. From the outset, it was essential that the plan was co-produced with children, young people, partners and Hull City Council. A systemic approach was adopted to ensure that everyone who contributed to the plan, was listened to and their views valued. This has resulted in shared vision and understanding of the needs of the children and young people in Hull.

- 6.2 Hull City Council are adopters of the Lundy model of participation which supports co-production and participation and enables young people with opportunities to contribute and to express their views. Meaningful participation requires professionals, including senior managers and officers, to get together with young people to listen to what they had to say which was at the forefront of the planning of the CYPP.

7. Issues for Consideration

- 7.1 Extensive consultation was undertaken during 2024 with two city wide surveys with the people who matter most: the children and young people of Hull. The plan was further developed with:

- Workshops involving partner agencies and Hull City Council staff.
- Regular updates to Better Together Board whereby attendees fed back thoughts and further ideas for the CYPP.
- Engagement with 'The Warren' to work with a specialist designer in conjunction with young people to ensure that the final publication was designed informed by young people.
- The Young Mayor and Youth Representatives.
- Consideration of 'Families First Partnership Programme' & 'Child Friendly Hull'.

- 7.2 Hull's Health and Wellbeing survey generated responses from almost 4,000 young people aged 11-16 years. The survey looked at young people's health and wellbeing, including trends and inequalities.

The Hull Social Work Academy partnered with Mind of My Own to create a survey: 'Shout about your life in Hull'. The survey asked children and young people between the ages of 7-18 years about their lived experiences, wishes and aspirations for the future. The questions were intentionally designed to incorporate the ambition to be a 'Child Friendly City'. A total of 5,205 responses to the survey were made, the findings providing rich intelligence about the things to focus on most to improve children's lives and experiences; these are captured within the plan.

For both surveys, Hull schools and colleges must be applauded for their support in disseminating the information and encouraging participation.

- 7.3 The plan is jargon free and talks to children and young people; this was intentional, it is their plan. Page 1 starts with an inspirational quote from the Young Mayor, who is delighted to feature on the front cover, she feels this will create more awareness of her role and the work of the Youth Representatives.

Page 2 sets out who was involved and how it was created. This has been an impressive piece of consultation with over 9,000 children and young people. A number of workshops with partner organisations including the voluntary and community sector, the fire service, health, the police and staff across the council.

Page 3 provides important context about Hull and features three quotes from young people, giving them a voice. The Youth representatives stated that the information is informative and interesting, they felt young people would enjoy reading the content.

Page 4 provides important linkage to the community plan ambitions and evidence how important children are and what the city will do to make life better for them.

Pages 5 and 6 hold a collection of information that children and young people, through the surveys, stated matters to them and is supported with ideas generated in the partnership workshops: the pledges made to the children of Hull.

Page 7 contains the measurables that can be used to hold the city to account and show how a difference is being made.

The final page is the back of the leaflet and honours all those involved by thanking them for their contributions. There is one QR Code which directs readers to the community plan.

8. Options and Risk Assessment

8.1 **Approve the Children and Young People's Plan.**

There is no risk associated with this option.

This is the recommended option.

8.2 **Do not approve the Children and Young People's Plan.**

Not approving the Children and Young People's Plan will mean that a key policy framework document will be missing from Hull City Council's constitution. This would present a risk of the Council being unable to effectively demonstrate its arrangements to prioritise and deliver improved outcomes for children and young people.

This option is not recommended.

9. Comments of the Monitoring Officer (Town Clerk)

- 9.1 The Children and Young People's Plan is identified in Article 8 of the Constitution as a Policy Framework Document and requires the approval of Full Council before formal adoption. [IA]

10. Comments of the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance and Transformation)

- 10.1 The Section 151 Officer notes the content of the report and has no further comments. (JR)

11. Comments of the Assistant Director OD & HR and compliance with the Equality Duty

- 11.1 The contents of the report is noted. There are no staffing or equality issues arising for the council from this decision. KH

12. Comments of Overview and Scrutiny

- 12.1 This report will be considered by Children, Young People, Families and Learning Scrutiny in June 2025. Any comments or recommendations agreed by the Commission, will be submitted to Council for consideration alongside the final report. (Sc8754 - AS)

13. Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People, Families and Learning

- 13.1 The Children and Young People's Plan is a key document which will help to shape service delivery and enable children and young people to hold officers, members and partners rightly accountable for making life better and improving their life chances. This report is noted

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: - A list of background documents must be included. These documents are then available (if not exempt) for public inspection.

Implications Matrix

This section must be completed and you must ensure that you have fully considered all potential implications

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report

If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, Overview and Scrutiny and the Climate Change Advisor and any other key stakeholders i.e. Portfolio Holder, relevant Ward Members etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
I have considered whether this report requests a decision that is outside the Budget and Policy Framework approved by Council	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant City Manager	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have considered the potential media interest in this report and liaised with the Media Team to ensure that they are briefed to respond to media interest.	Yes
I have included any equalities and diversity implications within the report and where necessary I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	Yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Yes
Any human rights implications are included within the report	Yes
I have included any community safety implications and paid regard to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act within the report	Yes
I have liaised with the Climate Change Advisor and any environmental and climate	Yes

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change issues/sustainability implications are included within the report	
I have included information about how this report contributes to the City Plan/ Area priorities within the report	Yes
I have considered the impact on air quality, carried out an appropriate assessment and included any resulting actions or opportunities necessary to improve air quality in the report.	Yes