Leeds 2018-23 Children and Young People’s Plan
Helping deliver the Best Council Plan and our Best City ambition of a strong economy in a compassionate city

What we’ll do

One vision
Our vision is for Leeds to be the best city in the UK and the best city for children and young people to grow up in. We want Leeds to be a child friendly city.

Through our vision and obsessions we invest in children and young people to help build an increasingly prosperous and successful city. We aim to improve outcomes for all our children whilst recognising the need for outcomes to improve faster for children and young people from vulnerable and deprived backgrounds.

Three obsessions
Safely and appropriately reduce the number of children looked after
Reduce the number of young people not in education, employment and training
Improve achievement, attainment, and attendance at school

How we’ll do it

Think Family Work Family
When working with a child or young person, we will consider their family relationships, the role of adult behaviour, and the wider context such as their friends and the local community, and how these impacts on outcomes for children and young people.

Challenging child poverty
In acknowledging the scale and impact of poverty on families, we will work with communities and families to mitigate the impact of poverty on children’s outcomes and support children’s journeys into secure adulthood in a prosperous city.

Early help - the right conversations in the right place at the right time
Building on what works well, and reorganising more of our services around the Restorative Early Start (RES) approach, we will focus help to where it is needed earlier.

Outstanding social work and support for vulnerable children and young people
Continuing our journey to outstanding following the 2015 Ofsted inspection, our Families First programme, and our investment in social work (for example, the RES teams), we will ensure consistent quality across all our work with vulnerable children and young people.

A stronger offer to improve SEMH and well-being
We will redesign the whole system of SEMH and wellbeing support, and create simple pathways with clear points of entry to an integrated offer from education, health and social care services, which is personalised to individual needs.

Eleven priorities
1. Help children and parents to live in safe, supportive and loving families
2. Ensure that the most vulnerable are protected
3. Support families to give children the best start in life
4. Increase the number of children and young people participating in learning and engaging in learning
5. Improve achievement and attainment for all
6. Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children and young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes
7. Improve social, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing
8. Encourage physical activity and healthy eating
9. Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours
10. Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills, and be ready for work
11. Improve access to affordable, safe, and reliable connected transport for young people

Behaviours that underpin everything we do
Use Outcome Based Accountability, and ask the question: is anyone better off?
Use restorative practice to work and do with people, not for or to them
We listen and respond to the voice of the child
We support and prioritise children and young people to have fun growing up

How we’ll know if we’ve made a difference
1. Number of children looked after
2. Number of children and young people subject to a child protection plan
3. Number of parents experiencing a second or subsequent instance of having a child or children enter care
4. Number of children and young people with a child in need plan
5. Percentage of pupils achieving a good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage
6. Infant mortality rates
7. Percentage of new school places in good and outstanding schools
8. Attendance at primary and secondary schools
9. Number of fixed-term exclusions from primary and secondary schools
10. Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths at the end of Key Stage 2
11. Progress 8 score for Leeds at the end of Key Stage 4
12. Destinations of young people with special educational needs and/or a disability when they leave school
13. Progress against measures in the Future in Mind dashboard
14. Prevalence of children at age 11 who are a healthy weight
15. Proportion of young offenders who re-offend
16. Under-18 conception rates
17. Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions: under-18s
18. Percentage of students achieving a level 3 qualification at age 19
19. Number of young people who are not in employment, education, or training, or whose status is ‘not known’
20. Transport for young people indicator to be developed after further discussions with young people