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Executive Summary

Children and Young People's Plan 2009–2012:

The requirement for every local authority to produce a Children and Young People's Plan was introduced by the government by the Children Act 2004. The Act requires that a local authority and its partners set out the improvements they intend to make to support the well-being of children and young people. These improvements are to ensure that every child and young person will be given the best possible opportunity to:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

In the three years since the launch of our first Children and Young People's Plan (2006-2009 (CYPP)) there have been significant improvements for children and young people in Southampton. Challenges remain, however, and these require action.

The City of Southampton Strategy, which is the strategy of the Southampton Partnership, has an aim to make Southampton "a city which is good to grow up in" .

The Children and Young People's Plan is part of a family of plans under the leadership of the Southampton Partnership. Together, these plans reflect the City Council's priorities which seek to promote economic prosperity, raise attainment, reduce crime and improve the wellbeing of all its residents; especially the most vulnerable,

Our Priorities for Change

This second, Children and Young People's Plan sets out our priorities for improvement, and the actions we are going to take to achieve these priorities. The priorities have been agreed through wide consultation with children and young people, families, and all partnerships and services involved with children, young people and their families in Southampton.

Ten priorities have been identified under the five key outcome areas set out in the government guidance, "Every Child Matters" (ECM). They are:

Be Healthy

Priority 1: Every child and young person will be given the opportunity to have the healthiest possible start in life and be supported to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Priority 2: We will support, challenge and empower parents and carers to give children and young people the best start in life.

Stay Safe

Priority 3: More of our children and young people will be kept safe from abuse, domestic violence, bullying and harassment.

Priority 4: We will improve outcomes for key groups of children and young people, especially children in care and care leavers, and children and young people with complex needs and disabilities.

Enjoy and Achieve

Priority 5: Many more of our children and young people will enjoy, actively engage with and achieve well at school.

Priority 6: We will support the transformation in educational attainment and outcomes for children, young people, families and communities by investing in new infrastructure and school buildings.

Make a Positive Contribution

Priority 7: Many more of our children and young people will engage in positive activities and fewer of them will be involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

Achieve Economic Wellbeing

Priority 8: Many more of our young people will successfully achieve the right skills and qualifications needed for their future economic independence.

Priority 9: We will reduce significantly the number of children and young people living in poverty.

Service Management

Priority 10: The Southampton Children and Young People Trust will develop and adopt new ways of leading, managing and organising services to support the delivery of this plan, with the fullest possible participation of children, young people, parents and carers.

Overall, the plan identifies the money available to fund the improvements we plan. Each priority has a budget attached for its delivery.

The local authority and its partners invest about £260 million each year on services and facilities for children and young people. The table below shows how this investment is broken down.

<u>2008/09 BUDGETED FIGURES</u>	£m
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL	
Schools	98.485
School Standards	43.797
Commissioning, Planning & Performance	8.545
Infrastructure & Capital Projects	8.499
Safeguarding	34.348
Young People & Community Support	8.304
Neighbourhoods Directorate	0.220
 SOUTHAMPTON CITY PRIMARY CARE TRUST	 37.219
LEARNING & SKILLS COUNCIL (core funding 16 - 19 FE colleges)	19.078
YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM	0.288
POLICE	0.077
VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR	0.520

One of the key aims of the Children's and Young People's Trust, launched in March 2008, is to develop effective joint commissioning and increase the flexible use of pooled budgets. This priority is reflected in the plan.

For Southampton Children and Young People's Trust, commissioning is "*the process of planning, shaping, procuring, quality assuring, and reviewing services to meet the needs of populations, groups or individuals, based on an assessment of needs and available resources*"

Partners have signed a partnership agreement which sets out their commitments. This includes the adoption of the Children and Young People's Plan, the commissioning of services together and the pooling of budgets to deliver better services. Our Joint Commissioning Strategy sets out how this will be done, to ensure that all the money available is used in the most efficient and effective way possible to achieve our priorities on behalf of children, young people and their families.