

# Southampton

## Children and Young People's Plan

2009-2012



Southampton  
Partnership





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# Foreword

This Children and Young People's Plan is a statutory requirement in the Children Act 2004.

**Within the Act “The Secretary of State ... requires a children's services authority in England from time to time to prepare and publish a plan setting out the authority's strategy for discharging their functions in relation to children and relevant young persons”.**

This plan reflects local and national priorities informed by a wide range of views, particularly those of Southampton's children and young people, their families or carers. It includes details of how the plan is funded as well as the measures by which the success of the plan will be judged.

The plan covers our ambitions for all the city's children and young people for the years 2009-2012, but particularly recognises the impact of poor outcomes on the lives of the most vulnerable children and young people, on the quality of their life in the city and on their future economic wellbeing.

The ability of Southampton's children, young people and their families to contribute to the city as a prosperous, safe and diverse place requires agencies and communities to work together better so that outcomes improve. The implementation of this plan will go a very long way to help bring this about.



This plan is owned collectively by the city's Children and Young People's Trust.

The Trust would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the plan, either directly or indirectly; their contribution will help ensure delivery of the improvements sought for all the city's children and young people, and thereby for all citizens of Southampton.



**Cllr Paul Holmes (Chair)**

Cabinet Member for Children  
Services

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**Clive Webster**

Director of Children's Services

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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 in 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 wellbeing 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 wellbeing**

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

The aim of the City of Southampton Strategy, which is the strategy of the Southampton Partnership, to make Southampton "a city which is good to grow up in", is supported by this Plan. The Children and Young People's Plan is part of a set of plans under the leadership of the Southampton Partnership. Together, these plans reflect the City Council's priorities. The Children and Young People's Plan reflects those 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 ten 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 categorised 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 significantly reduce 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.

The financial resources available to fund our improvements are included within the plan. Each priority has a budget attached for its delivery.

The Children and Young People's Trust partners invest in the region of £260 million each year on services and facilities for children, young people, parents and carers. The table below shows how this investment is broken down.

<b>2009/10 Budgeted figures</b>	<b>£M</b>	<b>£M</b>
<b>Southampton City Council</b>		
Children's Services and Learning Directorate		
Schools delegated budgets		98.485
<b>Non school budgets:</b>		
Commissioning, Planning and Performance	8.545	
Infrastructure and capital	8.499	
Safeguarding	34.348	
School standards	43.797	
Young people and community support	8.304	
<b>Total non school budgets</b>		<b>103.494</b>
<b>Total Children's Services and Learning Directorate</b>		<b>201.979</b>
<b>Neighbourhoods Directorate</b>		
Junior Neighbourhood Wardens	0.020	
Sports activities	0.200	
Arts and heritage	0.023	
Children's books and library activities	0.066	
<b>Total Neighbourhoods Directorate</b>		<b>0.309</b>
<b>SOUTHAMPTON CITY PRIMARY CARE TRUST</b>		<b>37.219</b>
<b>LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL (CORE FUNDING 16 - 19 FE COLLEGES)</b>		<b>19.078</b>
<b>YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM</b>		<b>0.288</b>
<b>POLICE</b>		<b>0.077</b>
<b>VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR</b>		<b>0.520</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>259.470</b>

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, their parents and carers.

