

Thematic badges (optional): These badges have been designed to help local authorities and their partners address context-specific issues and priorities. Choosing the three you'd like to focus on should be a participatory process that meaningfully involves children and young people throughout.

HEALTHY

Children and young people:

- have good physical, mental and emotional health
- are supported if they have any additional needs
- know how to stay healthy

PLACE

Children and young people

- can move freely in the city and their neighbourhood
- feel welcome in public spaces, such as parks, shops and on the high street
- feel connected to their neighbourhood and city

PARTICIPATING

Children and young people

- can share their views and influence decisions that affect them
- can come together to discuss issues that matter to them
- can communicate their concerns and wishes to local leaders and other adults

INNOVATION

- The city council finds new, different and creative ways to make sure all children in the city enjoy their rights.

EQUAL & INCLUDED

All children and young people, regardless of their background, culture, ability or anything else

- feel welcome in the city
- have the same opportunities to grow, learn, explore and have fun
- are protected from discrimination

EDUCATION & LEARNING

Children and young people

- are able to learn about the world around them in a safe, welcoming and respectful place

(This includes children and young people who aren't able to attend school).

FLOURISHING

Children and young people

- can explore and spend time in parks, woodland and other natural places
- are free to develop their interests, hobbies and talents
- can spend time with their friends

FAMILY & BELONGING

Families of all shapes and sizes

- are supported to be together
- can get help if they are struggling
- can enjoy activities and have fun around the city

SAFE & SECURE

Children and young people

- feel safe in their homes, neighbourhood and across the city
- feel able to trust the police, teachers and other adults
- can share ideas about improving safety in the city and can speak out if they feel unsafe or worried

CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Across the city

- Libraries, sports centres, parks, health clinics and other services respect, welcome and support children and young people

Decisions about how to make services better at the design, commissioning and delivery stage are made with children and young people

Structural badge (optional): This is a cross-cutting badge that involves changes at the policy and commissioning level. It can be chosen as part of the three optional badges.

CULTURE

Across the city

- people value and respect children and young people
- people know about and respect children's rights

CO-OPERATION & LEADERSHIP

Across the city

- people work together to make the city better for children and young people
- decisions are made involving children and young people

COMMUNICATION

Across the city

- information about children's rights is shared with children, young people and adults in different ways
- people know when important decisions affecting children, young people and families are being made

Foundational badges (required): These three badges form the foundation of a Child Friendly City or Community. It's therefore required that all participating local authorities work towards achieving these badges.