Participation Strategic Priorities



Child Friendly Services:

- Ensuring children's perspectives shape services and that their rights are always considered.
- Being good parents to our looked after children and care leavers, listening to and acting upon their views.



Child Friendly City:

- Working with UNICEF UK to achieve Child Friendly Status no later than 2025.
- Ensuring that children and young people are central to Southampton's City of Culture Bid.
- Launching our corporate Inclusion and Diversion Pledge.



Child Friendly Council:

- Ensuring that children are involved in the recruitment, induction and training of staff.
- Children and young people are consulted through our strengthened participation forums and other engagement activity.
- Celebrating the rights of children and participation with our Children's Mayor, Member of Youth Parliament and Youth Council.



Young people have told us that they want Southampton City Council to:

- Improve opportunities to engage young people.
- Focus on keeping them safe and provide local youth service provision.

In Southampton we are committed to delivering these four priorities to ensure our children get the best start in life and our families get the support they need.

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