

**REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan (2023-2026)**

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Board of the purpose and objectives of the Borough's latest Children and Young People's Plan which was recently approved for adoption by Full Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Note the ambitions and objectives of the Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan (2023-2026) particularly in promoting the overall health and wellbeing of children and young people in the Borough.

3. Delivering the [Health & Wellbeing Strategy](#)

- 3.1 The ambitions within our Children and Young People's Plan closely correlate with and will support the ambitions for '*Starting Well*' as outlined in the Borough's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, together with the '*Shared Outcomes*', '*Bold Ambitions*' and '*Joint Commitments*' identified in the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership as they relate to children and young people.

4 Reducing Inequalities

- 4.1 The Plan will interface with other Borough-wide plans and strategies aimed at closing the gap in the range of outcomes for children and young people, including the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of young people compared to their peers.

5. Introduction/ Background

- 5.1 The Borough's refreshed Children and Young People's Plan sets out the proposed 'Vision' for improving the range of outcomes for all children and young people in Barnsley and to promote their overall wellbeing, based upon evidence such as the Barnsley Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Plan

is currently depicted as a series of slides (*Please see Appendix 1 to this report*) but, upon publication, on the Council's Web site, it will be developed as an interactive document.

- 5.2 The Plan has been developed in the aftermath of the greatest challenge to public health in living memory and in the current context of widespread, deepening disparities in health, attainment and income which have been further impacted by global events and the rising cost of living.
- 5.3 Our Eight 'Ambitions' for Children and Young People in Barnsley
- 5.4 The strategic objective of the new Plan is to help enable Barnsley in being a children-focused community as part of our overall vision for shaping the Borough as a *Place of Possibilities*. Notwithstanding the financial uncertainty which the country faces it is right that we aim high and want the very best for all children and young people in the Borough in ways which provide value for money and the effective use of resources.
- 5.5 The Council has, in recent months, agreed to a series of significant one-off and recurring investments to strengthen children's services notably, in enhancing our early help offer; the commissioning of stable and loving placements for looked after children; improving the capacity and resilience of the children's services workforce, together with other improvements in the quality of practice and provision.
- 5.6 With this in mind and, taking into consideration our recent plans and strategies, including the Education Improvement Strategy, SEND Strategy and Early Help Strategy for children, young people and families, together with the Barnsley 'Supporting Families' Programme, Family 'Hubs' and 'Start for Life' initiative, the Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan serves as the over- arching 'vision' for improving the range of outcomes for all young people in the Borough as well as the narrative "*bridge*" between this vision and our ambitions for shaping the Borough
- 5.7 As part of this, we have identified 9 ambitions within the Plan which closely align with the priorities of our Council Plan, summarised as follows:

Healthy Barnsley

Ambition 1: Children, young people and their families lead healthy and happy lives

Ambition 2: Children and young people are safe and protected from all forms of harm.

Learning Barnsley

Ambition 3: Children and young people get a good education, are ambitious and able to reach their potential.

Ambition 4: Children and young people are ready for work and are enabled to make progress in their employment.

Growing Barnsley

Ambition 5: All providers of children and family services are valued and supported to thrive.

Ambition 6: Barnsley is a child, young people and family friendly place in which to live, work and visit.

Sustainable Barnsley

Ambition 7: To help protect our place and planet for future generations.

Ambition 8: For children, young people and families to be proud of and active where they live.

Enabling Barnsley

Ambition 9: That the Council and its partners on the Barnsley Children and Young People's Trust will work strategically and seamlessly to achieve more and better outcomes for children, young people and families in the Borough.

5.8 Maintaining and improving the overall wellbeing of all children and young people in the Borough, together with minimising inequalities in health and the impact of multiple forms of deprivation on life chances will, in tandem with other strategic plans and strategies, be a strategic objective of the Children and Young People's Plan.

6. Contributing to the Health and Wellbeing Board's key priorities

6.1 Please see Paragraph 3.1 and Paragraphs 5.1- 5.7 of this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no direct financial implications emerging through consideration of this report.

8 Consultation with stakeholders

8.1 The new Plan has been co-produced with our local statutory partners and is significantly informed by the insight of children, young people and families in the Borough, either directly or through bodies, including the Barnsley Youth Council and Care4Us Council into the challenges they face; on the issues which matter most in their lives and what local multi-agency partners can do to help them become more resilient to these challenges and achieve their hopes

and aspirations.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Barnsley Children and Young People’s Plan (2023-2026) (*Slide presentation version*) .

Appendix 2 – Barnsley Children and Young People’s Plan (2023-2026)
Equality Impact Assessment

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