

# The Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 2012 for the City of York

## VISION

**York is a city making history and its children are our future. Every child and young person in York deserves the chance to reach their full potential and live their dreams. We will stretch the most able, support those who start at a disadvantage, and protect and nurture the most vulnerable.**



## TEN PRINCIPLES

**Underpinning our vision are ten principles that will determine the way in which we will all work together to achieve our goals:**

1. Children are children first and foremost.
2. Every single child needs the chance to reach their full potential.
3. Families are at the heart of all our policies.
4. Intervening early is our motto.
5. We need to take special steps to reach out to those children, young people and families who may be struggling against disadvantage or discrimination.
6. Education is the greatest liberator in our collective battle to eliminate, or at least minimise, the impact of child poverty.
7. We need to ensure that we involve and engage children, young people, families and communities in the design and delivery of the services they receive.
8. There must be 'no wrong door' when people access our services.
9. We need to recognise the dedication and professionalism of our workforce.
10. We will need trusting and innovative partnerships.

## TWENTY-FIVE YorOK PRIORITIES

Being Healthy	Staying Safe	Enjoying & Achieving	Making a Positive Contribution	Achieving Economic Well-being	Service Management
<p>1. Promote positive health choices from conception onwards.</p> <p>2. Develop specific programmes to tackle obesity, substance misuse, unwanted conceptions and sexually transmitted infections.</p> <p>3. Support emotional well-being.</p> <p>4. Bring integrated health services closer to local communities.</p>	<p>5. Protect children and young people to the highest possible standards.</p> <p>6. Recognise and address wider safeguarding issues.</p> <p>7. Promote a safer city through the delivery of outstanding, integrated services.</p> <p>8. Provide stable, secure, local placements for our Looked After Children.</p>	<p>9. Aim for world-class standards of leadership and ensure that all children and young people enjoy and achieve.</p> <p>10. Implement best practice to improve behaviour and attendance.</p> <p>11. Ensure that we 'narrow the gap' in outcomes for vulnerable groups.</p> <p>12. Continue to ensure a high quality Early Years experience.</p> <p>13. Ensure that children and young people make best use of York's unique culture and heritage to participate fully in their cultural entitlement.</p>	<p>14. Provide more things for children and young people to do and places for them to go.</p> <p>15. Strengthen communities through innovative family involvement.</p> <p>16. Value children and young people's contribution and celebrate their successes.</p> <p>17. Further reduce the likelihood of offending and its impact on communities.</p>	<p>18. Increase the quality and range of opportunities for young people to realise their dreams and ambitions.</p> <p>19. Support children and young people through key transitions in their lives.</p> <p>20. Further reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training.</p> <p>21. Reduce child poverty and homelessness.</p>	<p>22. Make sure that a commitment to equalities underpins everything we do.</p> <p>23. Further develop a well-qualified, creative and integrated workforce.</p> <p>24. Invest in sustainable buildings and open spaces.</p> <p>25. Spend every penny wisely through 'integrated commissioning'.</p>