



LEEDS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Feedback from the consultation exercise with children and young people



Summary of Results

CHANGING THE WORDING OF THE VISION

- Two thirds (66.6%) of the responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 19% of the responses either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"I like the vision, but I think there should be more emphasis on those who are vulnerable and have deprived backgrounds"

"Is 'play' aimed at younger children, does it patronise older young people?"

WE WILL INTRODUCE A HEALTH-FOCUSED OBSESSION

- 82% of the responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 10% of the responses either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"Mental health of young people is a massive priority for the plan. I think it needs to be stronger in the obsession, as outcomes are much wider than healthy weight and access to healthcare."

"Love the intent to improving access to health care."

MOST OF THE PRIORITIES ARE RETAINED WITHOUT CHANGE, BUT WE WILL INTRODUCE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY PRIORITY

- 85% of responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 5% of responses disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"Really good idea to include what young people have commented they want."

"I'd be interested to know how this one manifests itself via a CYP Plan."

WE WILL RETAIN THE CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER OBSESSION

- 70% of the responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 15% of the responses either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"It is important to recognise that there are many aspects to children and young people's lives. There can't be too heavy a focus on attainment."

"Young people in care should have views and opinions on the placement heard more often."

WE WILL RETAIN OUR 5 OUTCOMES, BUT CHANGE 'HEALTHY LIFESTYLES' TO 'HEALTHY LIVES'

- 83% of the responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 3.5% of the responses either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"I feel the word 'lives' is broader than 'lifestyle' so covers more areas which I agree is better."

"There's no mention of inclusivity for disabled children."

WE WILL RETAIN THE EXISTING TRANSPORT PRIORITY AND ADD A NEW PRIORITY FOCUSING ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

- 90% of responses either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal
- 3.5% either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal

Some key comments included:

"Good transport links essential to allow CYP to access education and further careers."

"Disabled accessibility to transport still has huge gaps which impact on quality of life."

ABOUT THE CONSULTATION

The Children and Young People's Plan is our strategy to be a Child Friendly City, that works with schools, youth services, councillors and housing services (amongst others) to make Leeds the best city for a child to grow up in.

We ran a formal, online consultation between the 7th November and the 12th December 2022 to hear the thoughts of the young people of Leeds about the refreshing of the Children and Young People's Plan.

Various partnership meetings and 'child friendly' sessions took place across the city to ensure the consultation reached as many children and young people as possible.

Who participated?

- 142 online responses were submitted
- 67 young people contributed in 'child friendly' sessions

The consultation also took into account comments from the Child Friendly Leeds 12 Wishes, that captured the voices of 80,000 children and young people in Leeds in 2021.

What did we do?

The comments received have shaped the ongoing development of our refreshed Children and Young Peoples Plan. The feedback will also be used in future updates of the CFL 12 Wishes and CYPP to ensure that young people's voices remain central to our strategies.

The refreshed CYPP was approved at Full Council in July and covers the period 2023-2028.

Appendix one: a summary of the consultation

2. We are proposing to change the wording of the Vision					
Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I like the vision, but I think there should be more emphasis on those who are vulnerable and have deprived backgrounds I am really glad to see that 'play' and 'having fun' has been included in the proposed vision. It is really important that children's well-being - and not just their well-becoming (the process of turning them into 'successful' adults) is prioritised, particularly in light of the current state of children and young people's mental health. Play is crucial to our ambitions to be a child friendly city Is 'play' aimed at younger children, does it patronise older young people? Don't drop the wording around vulnerable and deprived backgrounds Loving and nurturing is important to include
1	Strongly agree		28.99%	40	
2	Agree		37.68%	52	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		13.77%	19	
4	Disagree		13.04%	18	
5	Strongly disagree		6.52%	9	
3. We will retain the children looked after obsession: safely and appropriately reduce the number of children looked after					
We are proposing to combine improve achievement, attainment and attendance at school; and reduce the number of young people not in education, employment and training into a learning destinations obsession					
Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal is vague and does not appear to place focus on the importance of the 3A's in contributing to lifelong learning and wellbeing. We should have precision in what we are seeking to achieve It is important to recognise that there are many aspects to children and young people's lives. There can't be too heavy a focus on attainment I agree with this but will it remove focus from younger children? As a parent with teenagers I support the need to highlight the multiple destinations and opportunities for learning that are not school or typical "education" based post-16 What about education for SEND children and specialist and targeted support? Young people in care should have views and opinions on the placement heard more often Important to celebrate achievement, this is wider than academic results
1	Strongly agree		31.21%	44	
2	Agree		39.72%	56	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		14.18%	20	
4	Disagree		10.64%	15	
5	Strongly disagree		4.26%	6	
4. We are proposing to introduce a health-focused obsession to reflect an increasing focus on both the physical and mental health of our children and young people: increase the number of children that are a healthy weight; and improve the timely access to healthcare when needed					
Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rather than physical and mental health it should focus on physical and emotional wellbeing, including mental health Agree but needs to be careful and done correctly. Parents and children can be affected when labelling 'healthy weights' and there can be a lot of pressure when parents are faced with 'healthy eating' vs what they can afford/what the child will eat etc Mental health of young people is a massive priority for the plan. I think it needs to be stronger in the obsession, as outcomes are much wider than healthy weight and access to healthcare Need to incorporate the principles of becoming a Marmot City Love the intent to improving access to health care Unhappiness with the focus on healthy weight - too blunt
1	Strongly agree		45.39%	64	
2	Agree		37.59%	53	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		7.09%	10	
4	Disagree		7.09%	10	
5	Strongly disagree		2.84%	4	
5. We will retain our five outcomes with the only proposed change to all children and young people enjoy healthy lifestyles. We are proposing to change it to all children and young people enjoy healthy lives					
Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think lifestyles is more clearly focused on the conditions and behaviours that lead to a healthy life, rather than the very general "lives" which is the whole of the life-course and includes factors we cannot change such as illnesses children may develop that are not avoidable I feel the word 'lives' is broader than 'lifestyle' so covers more areas which I agree is better Lives is better, more holistic. Lifestyles could suggest a transient choice that ebbs and flows over time. Lives is all encompassing Not disabled children have healthy lives though do they, by the nature of their disability and health needs. This excludes those who can't be healthy There's no mention of inclusivity for disabled children
1	Strongly agree		32.14%	45	
2	Agree		51.43%	72	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		12.86%	18	
4	Disagree		2.86%	4	
5	Strongly disagree		0.71%	1	

6. Most of the priorities will be retained without change. We are proposing to introduce a new priority on the climate emergency following comments from young people

Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'd be interested to know how this one manifests itself via a CYP Plan - is it about what CYP can do to contribute to the climate emergency? Really good idea to include what young people have commented they want Agree in principle but it would depend on the exact wording This is much needed and reflects the 12 wishes Whilst climate change is an issue for us all and clearly young people feel strongly about it - I am not sure how this fits with a CYP plan? Although not adverse to it either We must recognise the disadvantage experienced by children from ethnic minority heritage in the education and youth justice system Align with the wording from the 12 Wishes
1	Strongly agree		55.32%	78	
2	Agree		30.50%	43	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		9.22%	13	
4	Disagree		4.96%	7	
5	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0	

7. We are proposing to retain the existing transport priority (improve access to affordable, safe, and reliable connected transport for young people) and add a new priority, which will focus on sustainable transport: encourage the greater use of sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling, scooting, and public transport

Answer choices			Response per cent	Response total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do agree with this change however the emphasis should be on affordable sustainable transport Disabled accessibility to transport still has huge gaps which impact on quality of life It's not always safe or attainable for children to work/cycle when the area they live isn't a safe environment and parents have to get to work Good transport links essential to allow CYP to access education and further careers. Also need to look at protecting and enabling those vulnerable CYP access to transport systems safely I don't understand why sustainable travel isn't part of the climate emergency priority Key is cost - we should have free transport like young people in London, free for groups like care leavers
1	Strongly agree		45.71%	64	
2	Agree		44.29%	62	
3	Neither agree nor disagree		6.43%	9	
4	Disagree		2.86%	4	
5	Strongly disagree		0.71%	1	