

Report to COUNCIL

Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27

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Reason for Decision

The Children and Young People Strategic Plan forms part of the Council's Policy Framework and, in accordance with the Constitution, requires approval by Full Council. Adoption of the Plan will provide a strategic framework for improving outcomes for children and young people, support delivery of the Council's priorities, and ensure a coordinated approach across partner organisations.

Executive Summary

Under Part 2: Article 4 of the Article of the Constitution, Council is required to approve the Children and Young People Strategic Plan.

The Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27 sets out the strategic direction for the children and young people directorate.

Recommendation

That Council approves the Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27 detailed in Appendix 1.

Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27

1 Background

- 1.1 Under Part 2: Article 4 of the Article of the Constitution, Council is required to approve the Children and Young People Strategic Plan.
- 1.2 The Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27 sets out the strategic direction for the children and young people directorate, taking a partnership approach to achieving our ambition and outcomes so that Oldham is a community where children, young people and families thrive and lead healthier, happier lives.
- 1.3 The plan has been developed based on local management information and performance and quality assurance data and intelligence and is in line with the needs of children, young people and families in Oldham.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The plan has been considered by Julie Daniels, Executive Director Children and Young People and the independently chaired Achieving Excellence Board and the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership.
- 2.2 The plan outlines across Children's Social Care and Early Help and Education, Early Years, and SEND the key strategic priorities (4 P's), reform, change and improvement programmes and Key Performance Indicators (as reported in the quarterly Corporate Performance Report).
- 2.3 Service leaders and the workforce continue to have a relentless focus on providing timely, high-quality support and intervention work with children, young people, and families, and are driving ambitious and innovative transformation and reform within a culture of continuous learning and improvement.
- 2.4 Council-wide strategies with an increased focus on early intervention and prevention in local communities seeks to address the high levels of demand for statutory services. Additionally, through the continued delivery of this plan, Children and Young People Services in Oldham are keeping children and young people safe, improving outcomes and are in a strong position to further improve the delivery of timely and effective services to children, young people and their families.
- 2.5 Progress of the plan will be monitored by the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 As it is outlined in the Article of the Constitution Policy Framework, it is not possible to provide an alternative option to this plan.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 To approve the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The directorate workforce and children, young people and their families have been consulted in the formulation of this plan, through activity within existing quality assurance and participation arrangements.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27. (Nicola Harrop – Finance Manager)

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 Part 2, Article 4 of the Constitution (4.4.1) requires this report to be approved by Full Council as it forms part of the Council's policy framework. The report explains that this plan is important to help the Council improve the outcomes of children and young people within the Borough in particular those working with Children's Social Care and Early Help and Education, Early Years, and SEND.
(Alex Bougatef- Director of Legal, Monitoring Officer)

8. Procurement Implications

- 8.1 No immediate procurement implications contained in this paper. Procurement will continue to support where required. James England – Procurement Manager

9 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

- 9.1 Not required as the recommended option is for services to continue.

10 Key Decision

- 10.1 No

11 Key Decision Reference

- 11.1 N/A

12 Background Papers

12.1 None

13 **Appendices**

13.1 Appendix 1 – Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2026-27