

# OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



How do council services contribute to children having the best start in life and to feeling safe and nurtured? And young people developing life skills and being ready for work?



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's services aim to give all children, including the most vulnerable, a safe and stable start in life that allows them to learn, achieve and reach their full potential. A very important part of their work is assessing need and providing care and protection to vulnerable children at

risk of abuse, neglect and harm. Children's services offer all children the opportunity to take part in recreation and sport, and offers all children a high-quality education. They support children to enter positive post-school destinations. They identify and support pupils who need additional educational support, and offer specialist support to children with disabilities.



## CULTURE AND LEISURE

Parks, sports, libraries and museums play an important role in supporting children and young people to have the best start in life and develop the skills they need in

life and work. Parks and sports allow children whatever age to be active and play alone or with friends. Libraries and museums offer multiple opportunities for children to learn either alone, with friends or with family.



## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental services protect children and young people from harmful products and offer clean environments, which allows children to safely play and explore without

risk of encountering harmful exposure. Environmental services also reduce the risk of negative health consequences associated with many environmental exposures that are the result of poor waste management and street cleaning.



## HOUSING

Stable, safe and well-insulated housing is crucial to giving children the best start in life and allowing them the opportunity to develop life and work skills which will enable them to flourish in adulthood. Housing services provide the housing, manage the stock and contribute to the strategic decisions around social housing in

their local area. Housing services work hard to provide suitable housing, reduce the need for multiple moves and ensure that housing is in good condition. Housing services support families at risk of homelessness and try and reduce the negative impact of this on children such as having to move schools. They also ensure that housing in the private sector is meeting expected standards.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Economic development and planning services contribute to children and young people's outcomes in many ways. The planning system contributes to creating a child-friendly environment, for example, by ensuring that new housing

developments include play parks and that roads are designed in a way that reduces speed and danger to children. The planning system allows vacant land to be brought back into use. Economic development and planning services work together to create a vibrant local economy which is attractive to live in, and easy for children and young people to navigate for example there are places to walk to and shop.



## CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate services support improvement in outcomes for children and young people in many ways: through their role in HR; through efficiencies that release money for

other services; through their transformational work; and through leading on health and safety. They also lead on procurement which can release [community benefits](#) for children and young people.