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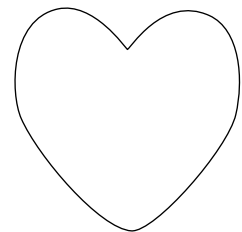
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Make the Salford **heart** **beat stronger**

David and Nathan, from the South locality





Welcome to the Salford Children & Young People's Plan

This plan pulls together into one document everything that Salford wants for its children and young people, what action Salford City Council and its partners are going to take in the future, and what they are trying to achieve by taking those actions. It sets out where we are now, where we want to go and how we are going to get there.

Everyone involved wants this plan to be not just **about** children and young people, but also **for** them – a document that they can read and understand, and that tells them what they can expect.

We have tried to make the plan easy for everyone to understand, but there is a glossary at the back which explains some of the words and phrases used here that you might not know.



welcome



John Warmisham
Chair of the Salford Children
and Young People's Partnership
Board



Jill Baker
Strategic Director
of Children's Services,
Salford City Council

As chair of the board, I am delighted to introduce the very first Salford Children and Young People's Plan.

In order to produce the plan, we had to find a new way of working so that all our partners (including children and young people and their families) were involved in deciding what was most important and agreeing the actions that need to take place.

Locality partnerships (groups of people who live and work in a particular area of Salford) have been extremely important in producing this plan and you should be able to easily identify the different needs and opinions of each locality in this document. These partnerships will carry on being important in delivering services to children, young people and their families. Their role (what they do and how they work) is described in this document along with the other decision-making structures, such as the partnership board.

The challenge for us all now is to bring this wonderful plan to life, to make sure it doesn't lie on a shelf, but becomes a vital guide for us all in our daily work. I call upon you all to take up this challenge.

After all, our children and young people deserve nothing less.

As Director for Children's Services, I have the responsibility for making sure that the outcomes for children and young people in Salford are good. You will already know that there are many reasons for us to celebrate. Most of our children achieve very positive outcomes and I am proud that Salford leads the way in a number of areas. However, there is still much to do.

This is the first time we have tried to explain in one single document what our priorities are for all children and young people across the city. We have done this by measuring how we are doing across the five key areas

- be healthy
- stay safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution
- achieve economic well-being

We have identified the overall citywide priorities for these five areas. There was widespread agreement on these as well as determination to do the work required to achieve them.

Furthermore, people who live and work in the four different localities have agreed how the citywide priorities can be achieved locally.

This plan provides us all with direction in our day-to-day work with children, young people and their families or carers. We need to use it to guide us in working out how we make the plan happen in our own organisation, service, setting, school or locality.

I look forward to seeing the plan being put into action in the year ahead.

Welcome from the children and young people of Salford

It's great that we have been asked to introduce to you the very first Salford Children and Young People's Plan. We have been involved in producing the plan, so it really feels like our plan.

We have taken part in the discussions to agree the priorities and the actions. We have given our views on how we can measure whether the actions are having a positive impact on our lives. We've also said how we want to receive feedback on the progress of the plan.

We've had a big say in the lay-out and design of the plan, and all the artwork included in this plan has been generated by children and young people from Salford.

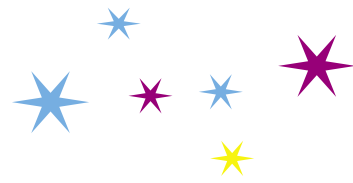
We have also advised on how to make sure the information held in this plan reaches the children and young people of Salford and how to make it attractive and interesting for them.

We hope you find it's a good read! More to the point, we hope you use it in your everyday life to ensure that things improve for us, the children and young people of Salford.

Thank you!



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