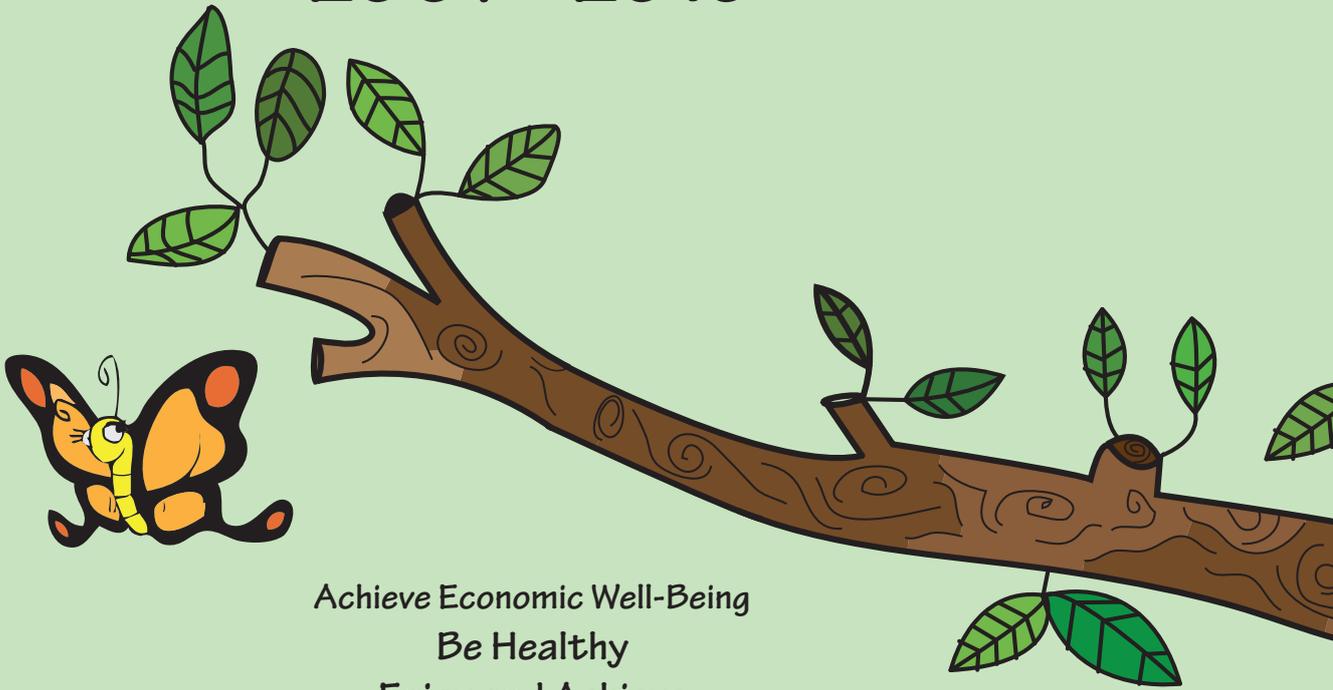


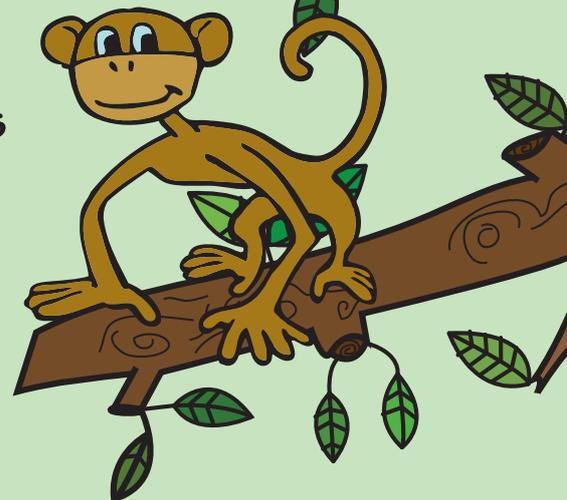
Children and Young People's Version of the Children's Plan 2007 - 2010



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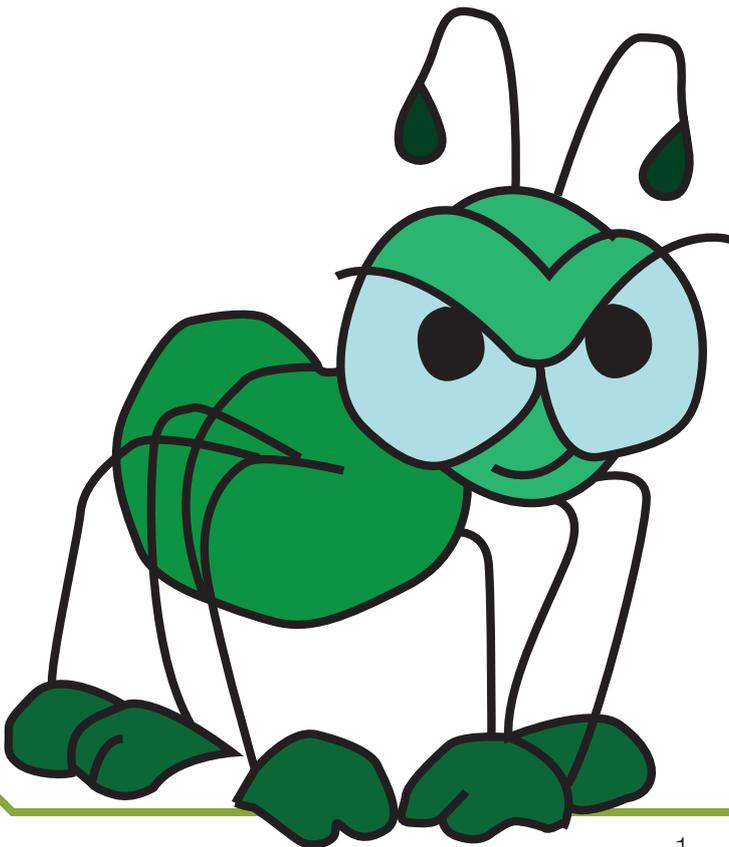


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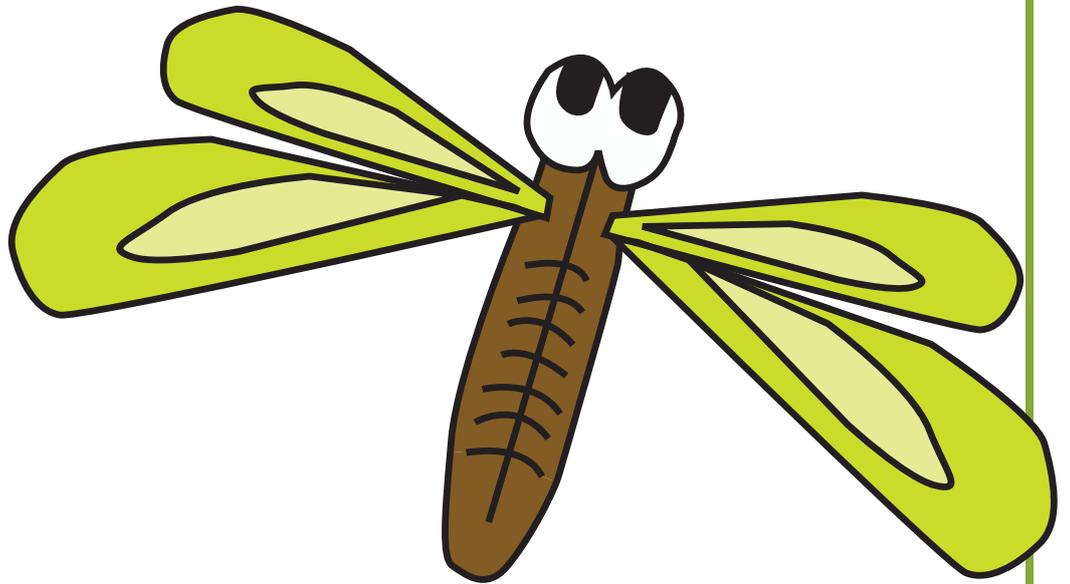


Statement of Purpose

We have been asked to review the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010 and to give our views and understanding of it. We are going to highlight the key messages that we consider to be the main points of the plan. Also, what we feel will affect and benefit us in the future.

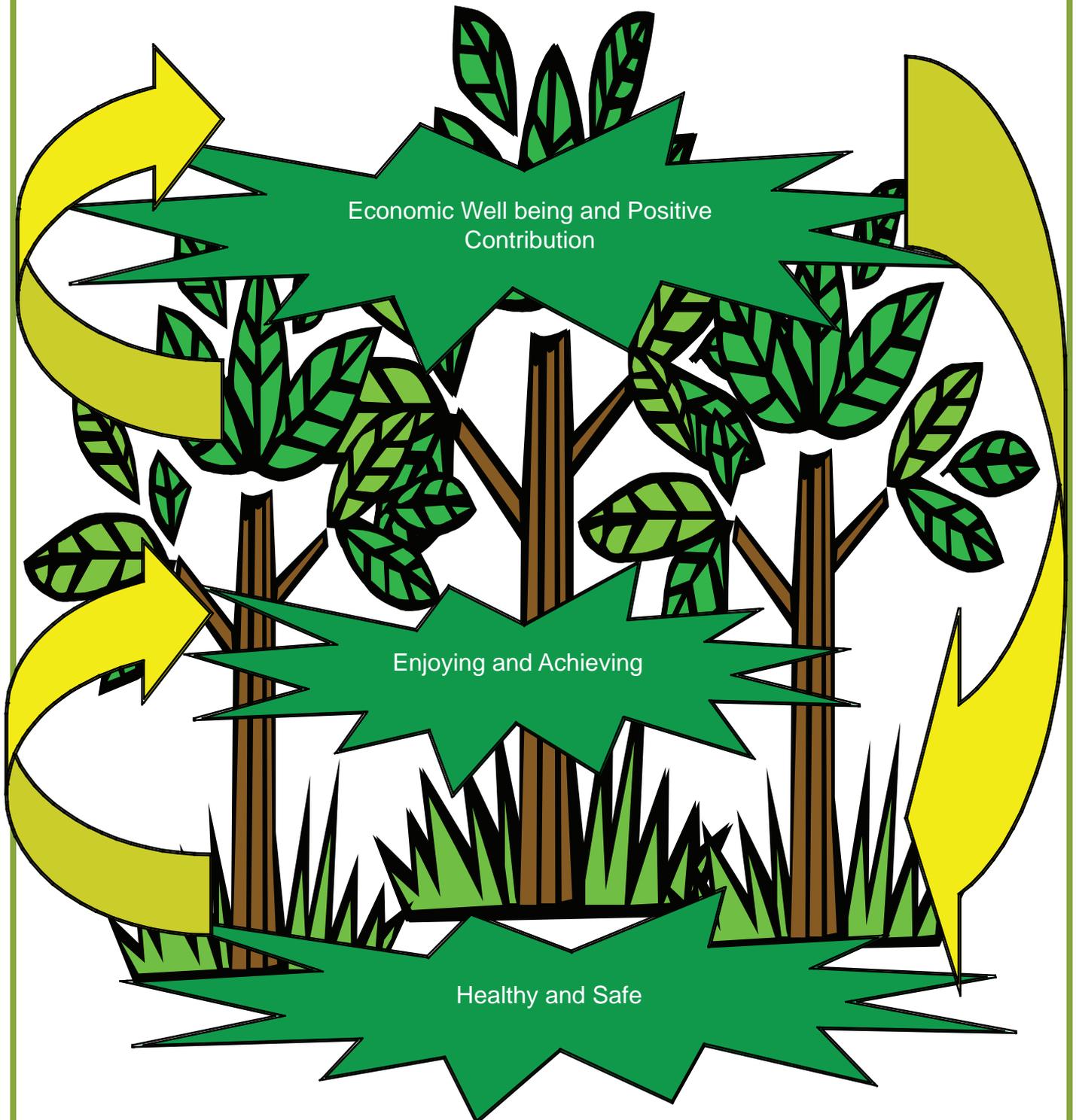
As children and young people we feel we want to say:

We feel this plan makes sense and there are some really good things in it. The plan will give us a better chance of being healthy, safe, listened to and more involved, and to encourage us to be the best we can be.



Our Vision for Children & Young People

Tameside's mission is to promote and achieve better outcomes for all. Our vision is of a positive and equal society, of which children and young people are valued and respected members; supported and encouraged as they grow up by their parents, friends, and family but also by other adults in the community. Encouraged to aim high but also to learn from mistakes as they grow up. Children and young people will be more able to take part in decisions that affect their lives and those of others.



What is the Tameside Children & Young People Plan?

The plan is an important paper which sets out all the things that services in Tameside are going to do over the next three years to make things better for children and young people.

The Tameside Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership is a group of people who work together to plan services for children and young people.

How is it going to be done?

This group of people will work together to make sure services are planned properly, services "talk to each other" and they are organised in a much better way to provide services for children and young people who need them the most.

Children's and Young People's services are going to be organised across four district areas of Tameside, these are:

• Ashton	
• Dukinfield, Stalybridge and Mossley	
• Hyde, Hattersley and Longdendale	
• Denton, Audenshaw and Droylsden	

The Four Service Areas:



Every Child Matters (ECM)

5 Outcomes

To be healthy (Being Healthy)

- ❖ Be positive, believe in yourself
- ❖ Know more about services that will tell us about having a healthy body and mind
- ❖ Eat a balanced diet, eat more fruit and have less sugar
- ❖ Being active and having the chance to play a range of sports

To be safe and feel safe (Stay Safe)

- ❖ Being responsible
- ❖ Having road awareness
- ❖ Having information about how to be street smart
- ❖ Speak out knowing being able to share your problems and fears

To be happy and successful in life (Enjoy & Achieve)

- ❖ Be happy
- ❖ Study hard to achieve what you want in life
- ❖ Have choices to do the things we like
- ❖ Speak up and be proud of your opinions and have self-confidence

To have enough food, clothes and a roof over your head (Economic Well-Being)

- ❖ Understanding the value of money
- ❖ Having the things you want in life
- ❖ Having chances to go to college and university when you leave school

To be able to take part and to be involved in making a difference (Positive Contributions)

- ❖ Respect and be kind to the people around you
- ❖ Contributing or volunteering to do something at home or at school
- ❖ Feel proud of something you have done

Tameside 9 Commitments (Promises)

To turn all this into reality Tameside has developed a set of promises that are to be involved in all the work that is undertaken to improve Children and Young People's future outcomes.

These promises apply to every child and young person in Tameside and to all the adults working with them.

1. Integrated Services:

If you are a child or young person all the different professionals and services involved in your life will be working together to meet your needs.

2. Access to Services:

All the services involved in children and young people's lives will 'talk to each other' and be organised in a way that will make it easy for children, young people and their families to access these services.

3. Support and Information:

The information about children and young people is shared between services and recorded correctly and used when needed to provide suitable services. The way this is going to be done is through Tameside's Information Sharing System as well as being connected to a National System – to be known as Contact point.

4. Inclusion and Equality:

Tameside recognises that all children and young people are individuals and have different needs. Tameside is committed to tackle all forms of discrimination to ensure all Children and young people have equal opportunities in life.

5. Narrowing the Gap:

Tameside want to make sure that vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people have better chances in life no matter where they live.

6. Early Intervention:

Tameside want to provide high quality children's Centres and extended school services. Through these services Tameside will be able to support children and young people at the earliest opportunity.

7. Local Provision:

Tameside is divided into 4 areas so that services can become locally based to suit the needs of the children and young people in that area.

8. High Achievement:

Tameside want to raise school standards so that children and young people are able to leave school having achieved the best of their abilities.

9. Involving Young People as positive members of the community:

Tameside are committed to involving children and young people in decisions that affect their lives. Tameside also want children and young people to be actively involved in their communities so that they can become valued members of their community.

All of these promises are crucial to the delivery of our Children and Young People Plan. And they underpin our belief in better outcomes for all young people in the borough.

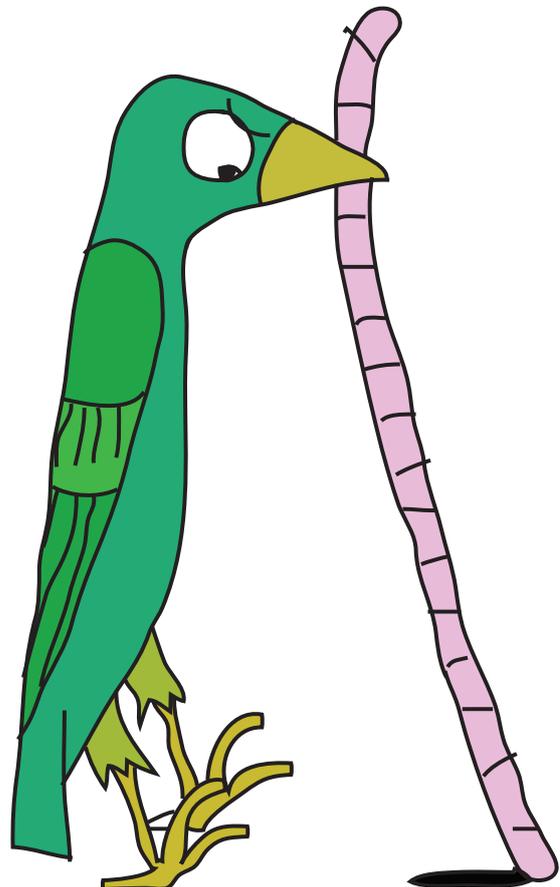
Tameside's 6 Priorities

1. Promote healthy lifestyles with a focus on obesity and healthy gums and teeth.
2. Improve Emotional Health and Wellbeing for all young people.
3. Increase the amount of the young people moving into education, employment and training.
4. Continue to improve attainment at all levels of learning with focus on under - achieving groups and schools.
- 5 Reduce Teenage Pregnancy.
6. Continue to make Looked After Children and other vulnerable groups have the same chances as other children.

As children and young people we feel that Tameside's priorities will continue to improve children and young people's life chances and ensure that our health and safety is maintained. Additionally we feel that:

- Tameside need to continue to focus on drugs and alcohol
- Tameside need to focus on keeping the streets safe and tackle crime to ensure the children and young people feel safe
- Tameside need to focus on stopping under age smoking

Every year these priorities are reviewed to see if these issues are still the ones that are the most important for Tameside.



Some More Quotes from Young People

Being Healthy

What children and young people say:

- Wanting a wider variety of sports activity, with better access
- The importance of a healthy diet and less junk food
- Better and more education on alcohol: drugs and smoking

Staying Safe

What children and young people say:

- Reducing vandalism
- Other people causing trouble
- Stopping people being beaten up

Enjoying and Achieving

What children and young people say:

- Feedback from children in Year 7 indicated that many of their fears about secondary school transition were rooted in myths spread by older siblings and friends. In response to this, children from vulnerable groups were identified from 4 primary schools and each visited 2 high schools in groups. They then prepared accounts of their findings for their peers and parents. These children are reported to be more confident in school, and some are showing enhanced academic performance in Year 6.
- Children and Young People were consulted about after school activities and they said that school attendance would be better if there were opportunities for good after school activities on site.
- 25% of 5-18 year old Looked After Children regularly contribute to and enter competitions in the LAC newsletter. Each contribution is acknowledged into a certificate of achievement and publication of their artwork, competition entry, story, etc. They report that they enjoy this involvement and get a sense of achievement from it.

Making a Positive Contribution

What children and young people say:

- Young people want to play or just hang about safely, where they are not annoying anyone but say that there are less places to go because houses have been built or else there are 'no ball games' signs up.
- Young people want to tackle issues of bullying and racism.
- Young people would like better public transport so that they can take part in positive activities and not need parents or other adults to give them lifts.

Achieving Economic Wellbeing

What children and young people say:

Around 60% of college, employed and Work Based Learner young people had actively planned to achieve what they were currently engaged in, whilst 90% of unemployed youngsters had not intended to remain unemployed. Most of the young people had received information while at school on sexual health and drugs; information on finance however, was less evident (50% for the employed group, and 30% for the unemployed group).

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