

Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Ambition for Every Child

**A children and young people's plan – working together to
make a difference for every child in Westmorland and
Furness**

Our Strategic Priorities for the next five years

- Improving the life chances of children and young people
- Caring for and keeping children and young people safe
- Ensuring children, young people and families can access services and provision
- Strengthening our partnership work
- Managing our resources more effectively

Children and Young People's Priorities

- Feeling safe in their communities and in their homes
- Doing well at school, with help to progress into work
- Receiving support for their health and wellbeing
- Taking part in activities or visiting places that are inexpensive

Action from April 2024 to December 2025

Some examples from the document:

- Securing the engagement and participation of children, young people and their families
- Designing and delivering an Early Help offer
- Developing and implementing a strategy for the Early Years
- Agreeing a council wide approach to improve attendance
- Improving council wide support for children who are cared for, and care experienced
- Embedding the new arrangements for Working Together to safeguard children
- Working with North Yorkshire to improve practice and outcomes for young people who are care experienced
- Determining our strategy for children's residential care following an independent review

Action from April 2024 to December 2025

Some examples from the document:

- Developing and implementing an education sufficiency strategy
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our short breaks homes and offer for families
- Improving availability of services to support children's emotional health and wellbeing
- Establishing a Regional Adoption Agency for the local area with Cumberland Council
- Preparing collectively for SEND and Social Care inspections
- Implementing Home to School Transport Transformation Plan - Phase 2
- Reviewing the schools Traded Services offer and strategy
- Delivering the DfE Better Value in SEND programme of activity

The focus for the Scrutiny and Oversight Committee?

Are these the **priorities** and actions you expected to see?

Are there any missing?

In addition to those areas already considered by the committee or on the work programme is there anything else in *Ambition for Every Child* that the committee would like to consider?

