Hi,

I'm Liz Eyre. I am the councillor with lead responsibility for children and young people in Worcestershire. I work with the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. This Partnership brings together all of the different organisations and groups working with children, young people and their families.

The Partnership has written a plan. This plan says what we are going to do over the next 3 years to make lives better for children, young people and their families.

This is what we have all agreed is important:

We want Worcestershire to be the best place for children and young people to grow up.

We will support children and young people to make a positive contribution to their communities by ensuring they are happy, healthy and safe and support their families to achieve this. This will allow them to be responsible, valued, respected and trusted.

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This is the Young Persons's Version of the Children and Young People's Plan. It was written by the Worcestershire Youth Cabinet, so a big thanks goes to them for all their work.

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WORCESTERSHIRE SOURCE OF EXCELLENCE **Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership**

Worcestershire's Children and Young People's Plan

2008-2011

Every Child, Every Young Person, Every Agency, One Plan.

Young Person's Version

We believe that:

- Every child and young person is different and should have the right to have fun and opportunities to discover their own skills and be recognised in their communities.
- Every child and young person should be able to access support for their every need. Those who need support should be identified so things don't get crazy.
- Families should have their own dreams and be able to use these to decide on their futures. To do this, they need to be listened to.
- Working together is important to meet individual needs. This works best with trust.
- All religions and cultures in Worcestershire should be celebrated and each should be respected.
- All children and young people need stable and caring families. This can be achieved by supporting parents and carers to become good role models.
- Every child and young person should do well and those who need extra help, like children and young people with disabilities, should be given the extra help they need to do well.

We then identified those things we most needed to work on together over the next 3 years – which we call **our priorities.**

The Priorities in our Plan:

Be healthy

1 Support all children, young people and their families to have healthier, happier and more active lifestyles

2 Make sure babies are brought up well and in a safe environment

Stay safe

3 Find good ways to deal with bullying and help all children, young people and families affected by it

4 Ensure all children and young people are safe and protected and help those who are at risk of harm or are not getting the care they need

Enjoy and achieve

5 Help children and young people to do well in and out of school

6 Make sure everybody can enjoy activities in their communities

Make a difference

7 Help children and young people be responsible and make a difference to their communities

Have what you need

8 Young people should have the opportunity to train and learn to improve their chances of doing well in life

9 Young people should get support to gain life skills to help them move into adulthood successfully

10 Make sure families have enough money