

Terms of reference and remit

The purpose of the Children and Young People Board is to provide strategic oversight of all the Local Government Association's (LGA) policy and improvement activity in relation to children and young people. This includes education, social care and family support services in line with the LGA's priorities.

Boards should seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities. This can be through task groups, rural and urban commissions, special interest groups (SIGs), regional networks and other means of wider engagement. They operate essentially as the centre of a network connecting to all councils and drawing on the expertise of key advisors from the sector.

The Children and Young People Board will be responsible for:

1. Developing a thorough understanding of council priorities and performance in the areas of responsibility, using strong networks and robust information.
2. Helping to shape the LGA Business plan by ensuring the priorities of the sector are fed into the process.
3. Overseeing a programme of work to deliver the strategic priorities set by the LGA Executive, covering lobbying and campaigns, research and or policy, good practice, improvement support and events – as specified in the business plan, taking into account linkages with other policy boards where appropriate.
4. Representational and lobbying activities on behalf of the LGA and responsibility for the promulgation of activity through public statements in its areas of responsibility.
5. Building and maintaining effective relationships with key stakeholders.

The Children and Young People Board may:

- Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with guidance in the Political Conventions.
- Appoint member 'champions' where appropriate (who must be a current member of the board) on key issues, with responsibility for liaising with portfolio holders on key issues that require rapid response and or contact with councils.