

Council

18 July 2022

Motions (1 total)

Motion A	Proposed by: Councillor Wendy Flynn	Seconded by: Councillor Tabi Joy
	<p>Council notes that to achieve UNICEF’s child-friendly status, Cheltenham Borough Council will have to show that it is a place where more children feel safe, heard, cared-for, and able to flourish.</p> <p>Council believes that members of our communities and town will only benefit through the principles of child friendly city/community status being adopted. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-discrimination • Best interests of the child • The inherent right to life, survival and development • Respect for the views of the child • Equity and inclusion • Accountability and transparency • Public Participation • Effectiveness and responsiveness • Adaptability and sustainability <p>Council believes that the adoption of these principles will allow all sectors of the council structure to deliver more play space, safer roads, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods, cycle infrastructure, better education, child safety – all areas which will benefit families and communities and allow Cheltenham to become an even better place to live and work.</p> <p>Council recognises that there is an inter-dependence on the County Council, NHS, schools and police to deliver aspects of the framework – particularly in relation to social care, health, education and safety. It further recognises the great work done by No Child Left Behind in creating a foundation of child-centred partnership working that can be built on to achieve UNICEF child friendly status.</p> <p>UNICEF’s child rights-based approach to public services has consultation with children and young people at its core. Council believes that consultation is vital to developing our communities, where children and young people can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a say about decisions that affect them. • Express their views freely and are encouraged and supported to do that. 	

- Access good health, education, transport, and other service.
- Feel safe, prioritised, and protected from discrimination and harm.
- Enjoy public spaces and meet other children and young people freely

Council resolves to:

- Promote the benefits of the UNICEF Child Friendly city/community status to partner organisations.
- Work with partners to agree a timetable for signing up to the UNICEF programme and begin the process to become a recognised Child Friendly city/community.
- To implement/ improve the principles of the UNICEF status, within this motion, as soon as possible
- To develop a consultation strategy which includes the principles of young people inclusion as stated above.