[Include your address here]

[date]

Dear [ Local Leader of the Council name],

**RE: Good Lives: Making Change Together**

My name is [insert you name] [very briefly introduce yourself].

I am writing to you to seek your support for [Good Lives: Making Change Together](https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/what-members-are-saying-and-doing/good-lives-building-change-together/), a call to action to help people with learning disabilities to live good lives. I would like us in [insert Council area] to look at how we can use Good Lives to help everyone live well in our area as equal citizens.

There are 1.5 million people in the UK with a learning disability, who face significant inequalities. People with learning disabilities are dying on average 15-20 years earlier than the general population, and approximately half of all deaths deemed to be avoidable. Taking a role in tackling these inequalities needs to be a priority for local councils alongside their health partners and local communities.

I support ‘Good Lives’, a vision and call to action produced by people with learning disabilities, families, and organisations working together. It sets out priorities for living a good life and the change we need to get there. There are actions for everyone to take to help make this happen, from individuals and families, to organisations, to local and national government. There are currently 6 priorities covering: a home, the right support, employment, relationships, and communication everyone can understand and self-advocacy and advocacy for everyone. We are looking to build ‘Good Lives’ as a movement for change as more people pledge their support. I hope you will be one of those people.

You can read about [Good Lives](https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The_Good_Lives_Framework-9.3.22.pdf) here.

I would like your support in taking action towards supporting people with learning disabilities to live good lives. This is very important to me because… [write a few sentences to tell the Local Councillor why this is important to you. You might tell them about a local issue]

There are several things I would like your support with:

Firstly, please read or watch the short videos of the Good Lives Framework. You can find this on the Learning Disability England website [here](https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/welcome/our-work-good-lives/). If you could then consider how, you might use this learning to help better represent the interests of people with learning disabilities in [add your local area here].

I would also ask that you share Good Lives with relevant departments within the council so that others can consider how their services such as leisure include people with learning disabilities in their offer. You might then want to consider including Good Lives when you come to developing your local strategies.

Your local [learning disability partnership board](https://www.lgafirst.co.uk/features/partnerships-for-person-centred-services/) might already be working on Good Lives or you could discuss it together. You can engage with them about what’s important to people with learning disabilities. You could integrate into your Council’s work on improvement or efficiencies. How it aligns with Local Government Association tools is described [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/partners-care-and-health/better-lives-and-good-lives-frameworks-conversation).

I would like to meet with you to tell you more about our ideas for Good Lives for people with learning disabilities and to ask for your support in taking action towards it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

[inset your name here]