

Subject:	Brighton and Hove Youth Justice Strategy 2017/19		
Date of Meeting:	19th June 2017		
Report of:	Executive Director - Families Children & Learning		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Youth Justice Strategy for Brighton and Hove 2017-2018
- 1.2 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 there is a requirement for the multiagency Youth Offending Management Group to produce a local Youth Justice Strategy setting out how Youth Offending Services (YOS) will be resourced and provided.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the Youth Justice Strategy for Brighton & Hove 2017-18

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on local authorities acting with statutory partner agencies to establish a Youth Offending Service (YOS). The statutory function of the YOS is to co-ordinate the provision of youth justice services. The Act also sets out responsibilities in relation to the production of a Youth Justice Strategy setting out how youth justice services are to be provided, how the YOS will operate and which functions it will carry out.
- 3.2 The proposed Youth Justice Strategy is compliant with guidance issued by the national Youth Justice Board and includes:
- Purpose, priorities and values
 - Structure and Governance of the Youth Offending Service
 - Resourcing and Value for Money
 - Partnership arrangements
 - Risks to future delivery
 - Key priorities
- 3.3 The key priorities developed and agreed by the YOS Management Group are:

- Preventing youth crime and reducing offending
- Reducing reoffending
- Keeping the number of children and young people in custody to a minimum
- To ensure the victims are at the heart of the work with young offenders and the voice of victims is heard
- To reduce the number of vulnerable young people in the criminal justice system, with a focus on looked after children and those at risk of exploitation.

3.4 The Strategy will also be taken to the city's Safe in the City Partnership Board for discussion and agreement and will be submitted to the Youth Justice Board.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 Publication of the strategy is a statutory requirement.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 Direct community engagement and consultation has not been a part of the development of this strategy. However the operational Business Plans which underpin the strategy do ensure the involvement and participation of young people in the design and delivery of services and include specific community orientated initiatives such as Restorative Justice.

5.2 The strategy has been discussed and consulted upon at the Youth Offending Strategic Management Board which is made up of partner agencies and the CVS.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Committee is asked to approve the strategy as part of discharging the council's statutory responsibilities.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 The financial information detailed within Section 4 of the body of the attached supplementary report accurately reflects the current budgetary position of the YOS. The risk attached to any reduction in anticipated funding from the PCC and the Probation service would need to be managed, with Finance support, within the service with economies made and service delivery assessed/re-designed accordingly

Finance Officer Consulted: Brian McGonigale

Date: 04/05/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on local authorities acting with statutory partner agencies to establish a Youth Offending Service. The strategy meets the requirements under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce a local Youth Justice Strategy setting out how Youth Offending Services will be resourced and provided. The strategy must be published, and refer to the key requirements referred to in the body of the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 24/05/17

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The strategy explicitly addresses equalities implications under Purpose, Priorities and Values (page 9) and as one of the cross-cutting themes identified (page 35) which will be monitored by the Management Board.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 7.5 The Youth Justice Strategy is one of the key multi-agency strategies addressing crime and disorder in the city.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 7.6 Section 6 of the Strategy addresses risk to future delivery and Section 7 sets out the priorities, and opportunities the service will address.

Public Health Implications:

- 7.7 Public Health are members of the Youth Offending Service Management group and have been fully involved in producing the strategy.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.8 The strategy will also be taken to the Safe in the City Partnership Board as part of ensuring a consistent corporate and city wide approach.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Brighton and Hove Youth Justice strategy 2015/16

Documents in Members' Room

1. None

Background Documents

1. None