

Subject:	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2012-13		
Date of Meeting:	22 March 2012 15 March 2012 - Cabinet		
Report of:	Terry Parkin, Strategic Director, People David Murray, Strategic Director, Communities		
Lead Cabinet Member:	Cabinet Member for Children & Young People		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No: 27136	
Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

1.1 Since 2000 there has been a requirement in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) and their partnerships, to produce a Youth Justice Plan setting out how YOTs will be resourced in a local area and the services which will be available in relation to the statutory primary aim of YOTs to prevent youth offending in the area.

This plan is produced by the YOT manager and overseen by the partnership board which includes representatives of both the Safer in the City Partnership and the Children's and Young person's Trust.

1.2 This plan must include:

- Structures and Governance
- Partnership Arrangements
- Resourcing
- Risks to Local Delivery
- Key Achievements and Challenges 2010-2011
- Strategic Vision for 2012-2015
- Local Youth Crime Patterns

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Youth Justice Plan 2012-2015 given as Appendix 1 is agreed

2.2 That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director of People to proceed with the Youth Justice Plan for 2012-2015.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Since 2000 there has been a requirement in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) and their partnerships, to produce a Youth Justice Plan setting out how YOTs will be resourced in a local area and the services which will be available in relation to the statutory primary aim of YOTs to prevent youth offending in the area.
- 3.2 Given the late notification by the Youth Justice Board of this year's grant funding for YOTs, last years YOT Inspection, the restructure of the YOT service into social care as well as the pending restructure of the YOT provision, this year the plan will map priorities for the coming year and the develop a 3 year plan with annual refreshes.
- 3.3 The Youth Offending team is part of the wider Youth Offending Service, working with partners from across the Community Safety Partnership to both reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system but also prevent further reoffending by young people within the system.
- 3.4 The Youth Justice Plan has been developed with partners following an inspection in May 2011 by the Youth Justice Board where concerns were raised in all three areas of the inspection, likelihood of reoffending, safeguarding children and managing risk of harm to the public. The aim is a three year plan with annual refresh will allow these areas to be fully addressed and improved.
- 3.5 The Youth Crime Prevention aspect of the YOT is currently jointly commissioned between the children's commissioning unit and the place commissioning unit, thus ensuring that the work is meeting both the needs of both young people and the wider community and the outcomes are monitored. With the move in 2013-14 of the funding from the Home Office to the new Police Commissioners the YOT during 2012-13 will be preparing itself to move to a more commissioned way of working, ensuring that the work is more evidence based and can be measured with outcomes monitored.
- 3.6 The Youth offending team as part of the children and family delivery unit works closely with the wider youth services across the city. The Youth Offending Team, incorporating Youth Crime Prevention, provide both a targeted and specialist service to young offenders from across the city. The youth crime prevention team is linked into the wider targeted youth support services, receiving referrals via the targeted youth support services and working jointly with them. The youth crime prevention workers in seeing young people with their community work out of local youth service provisions. For all workers in the service, in developing programmes to help young people move away from offending behaviour this will involve working with both universal and targeted youth services to help young people develop and enjoy alternative activities.
- 3.7 In the first nine months of 2011/12 there were a total of 17,981 police recorded crimes, 0.8% fewer than in the same months of 2010/11, and this represents a general trend in crime and asb across the City .

- 3.8 Following agreement by Full Council this plan will be submitted to the Youth Justice Board as the plan for 2012-2013 for Brighton and Hove Youth Offending Service.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Internal and external partners and agency have been consulted on this paper through the Youth Justice Strategy Group and the Safe in the City Partnership.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. The costs required for the implementation of at Youth Justice Plan will be met within the existing allocated budget for Youth Offending Services.

Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis *Date: 31/01/12*

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 It is a legal requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) and their partnerships, to produce a Youth Justice Plan.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson *Date: 06 .02.12*

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An underlying principle of the YJ Plan is that it focuses on the vulnerable and excluded young people, some of which are about tackling the inequality experienced by of our residents, a short equalities impact has been undertaken to look at the funding changes to the YOT.

- 5.4 An in depth equalities impact will be undertaken as part of the Youth Justice Plan in looking at a redesign of the Youth Offending Service.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5.1 This Plan is about reducing and managing crime and reoffending among young people across the city, building links and working relationships across the Community Safety Partnership and developing wider indicators and outcomes around crime and reoffending. The plan will link into the Partnership Community Safety Plan.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The Youth Offending Service now has a Quality And Assurance Performance Board which in working with partners to oversees risks and the management of the YOS risk register. As part of the ongoing work a risk register is being developed and risks and mitigating actions will be identified.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 This plan will support the enabling of improved health and well being and life opportunities to young offenders to be maximised

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 The Youth Justice Strategic Plan is a partnership document. It is owned by, and the responsibility of, the Safe and the City Partnership and the Public Service Board.
Therefore, CPP progress reports have implications for all public sector partners in the city.
- 5.9 Performance reporting on the council's Youth Justice Performance Indicators and Action Plan will have specific implications for the council's Children and Families Delivery Unit.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 None

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To meet the Council's statutory commitment to produce a Youth Justice Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Youth Justice Plan 2012-2015

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None

