



Leicester
City Council

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Cabinet

26th April 2004

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2004-05 UPDATE

Report of the Youth Justice Plan 2004-05 update is by Andrew Cozens, Deputy Chief Executive, and Chair of the Young Offenders Management Board

1. Purpose of Report

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory requirement on all Local Authorities to submit an annual Youth Justice Plan. The purpose of the plan is to set out how youth justice services are to be provided in each area, and how they are to be funded.

The Leicester Youth Justice Plan 2002-05 detailed how the Youth Offending Team intended to meet the 13 performance measures set nationally by the Youth Justice Board, as well as locally agreed targets. It also describes the governance arrangements for the Youth Offending Team and the resourcing commitments by partner agencies.

2. Report

The Youth Justice Plan Update 2004-05 provides information as required by the Youth Justice Board, in five specific areas.

Section A Summary and Approval

Summarises the Youth Offending Team's performance in 2003-04 against the 13 performance measures. The YOT fully achieved 8 of the performance measures, substantially achieved 4 measures, and did not achieve one target.

This section also outlines the key objectives for 2004-05. It contains the approval of the plan by the Chief Executive, and the Chief Officers of the five funding agencies. The Chair of the YOT management board has made an assessment of both the YOT and Management Board performance over the last year.

Section B Prevention Strategy

This outlines the Prevention of Offending Strategy that the YOT intends to deliver in partnership with other agencies and organisations.

Section C Governance and Resources

Provides information on the governance arrangements and resources for the YOT that will be provided in 2004-05 from partner agencies, the YJB and other funding streams. The management arrangements and structure of the YOT are summarised.

Section D Performance Targets

This reports on the current and proposed progress in 2004-05 in meeting at the local level the requirements of the 13 performance measures set by the YJB.

Section E Learning and Developments

This describes the Learning and development Plan for the YOT, including meeting local training needs as well as the delivery of the agreed national HR & Learning plan. This will provide a Youth Justice National Framework qualification.

3 Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to note this Plan and approve its submission (retrospectively) to the Youth Justice Board by 31st March 2004.

Financial and legal and other Implications

1. Financial Implications

Although part of the City Council, the YOT is funded through a partnership with external agencies including Police, Probation and the NHS. The 2004/05 budget round has been particularly difficult, as some of the agencies have not fully funded inflation, or have imposed efficiency savings. The YOT has therefore settled for minimum growth, which will impact on services, and a shortfall of £21,000 still remains to be resolved.

There are also concerns looking ahead, as key current external funding streams are not guaranteed beyond 2006. Consequently, vacancies will be filled only on fixed term contracts, to minimise the impact on the Council should the necessary levels of external funding not be adequate to meet spending commitments.

(Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, Social Care and Health, ext. 8800)

2 Legal Implications

With regard to the City Council there are no further financial or legal implications.

3 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	YES	Section A, D & E	
Policy	NO		
Sustainable and Environmental	NO		
Crime and Disorder	YES		
Human Rights Act	YES		
Elderly/People on Low Income	NO		

4 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

5 Consultation

There has been widespread consultation on this Plan including:

YOT staff briefing
 Young Offender Management Board
 Stakeholders Event for Partner Agencies
 LCC Director's Board

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Part of Budget and Policy Framework
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Council