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FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

**Cabinet
Council**

**11th July 2005
30th September 2005**

Youth Justice Plan 2005/06

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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 (attached). 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 by the statutory partners (Social Care and Health, Education, Police, Probation and Health).

The Youth Justice Plan has to be submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) this year by 30th June 2005. The plan follows a prescribed format and is divided into the following 5 sections.

2. Report

2.1 Section A – Summary

The Chair of the Young Offenders Management Board, Andrew Cozens, in his capacity as Deputy Chief Executive, is required to provide an overview of how the Youth Offending Service delivers Youth Justice services in Leicester, including a review of performance in 2004 against the thirteen performance measures set nationally by the YJB for all Youth Offending Services (YOS).

Leicester City YOS fully achieved nine of the thirteen performance measures. These were in Prevention, Final Warnings, Parenting, Restorative Justice, Pre-Sentence Reports, Substance Misuse, Accommodation, ASSET assessment and Recidivism (8% reduction in offending over 12 months, against 2000 baseline).

The YOS substantially achieved two of the thirteen measures:

1. Detention and Training Orders
2. CAMHS Provision

The YOS failed to achieve the following two measures:

1. Education, Training and Employment
2. Use of Secure Estate

This section also addresses the key objectives for Leicester YOS in the forthcoming year (2005/06).

2.2 Section B

This section describes the local planning environment in which the YOS operates. It outlines the relevant links and partnerships that have been developed and the interface that the YOS has with both the criminal justice agencies and Children's Services.

2.3 Section C

This section describes the governance and leadership arrangements for the YOS. Information is provided on the composition of the Management Board. (YOMB).

It also describes the systems in place for managing performance and ensuring quality of practice. Information on the budget for 2005/06 and the resources provided to the YOS by partner agencies in cash contributions, staffing and in-kind contributions are included. Resources provided through external funding streams (YJB, NRF, Safer Communities Fund etc.) are also detailed.

This section includes information on workforce planning and development, the YJB national qualifications framework for all staff working within the Youth Justice system, and links to the workforce development programme for Children's Services. It includes a staffing table by professional background, grade, ethnicity and gender. The YOS now has over 100 staff in post, and has successfully recruited, trained and retained over 150 local volunteers. Finally, this section describes the partnership working arrangement with both the statutory and voluntary sector – including a summary of both complementary and conflicting targets that they and the YOS have been set.

2.4 Section D

This section reviews briefly the YOS performance in 2004, and its strategy to take forward in 2005/06 to deliver on the now 14 performance measures. A priority, as last year, will be to drive up performance in relation to access to ETE by young offenders and the plan contains a detailed action plan for this area of work. A new performance measure for all YOS is to ensure equal treatment regardless of race, and the YOS race audit action plan will be attached as an appendix to the plan.

2.5 Section E

The final section of the plan includes the signatures of the chief officers of the partnership and dates to review performance in the forthcoming year.

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended:

- a) to note the Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 and approve its submission retrospectively to the YJB by 30th June 2005; and
- b) to recommend approval of the Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 retrospectively by Council.

4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The attached plan sets out at Section C.3.1 the resources available to the YOS and identifies the various risks involved. These risks continue to centre around short term external funding and the financial pressures on the funding partners. The YOS continues to shape its services in the light of the available resources, and takes a prudent approach to longer term staffing and spending commitments so as to limit the financial impact if short term funding comes to an end and is not replaced.

Colin Sharpe – Head of Finance, Social Care and Health

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Guy Goodman - Assistant Head of Legal Services

5. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph	References
Equal Opportunities	Yes	All sections, plus Race Action Plan (to follow)	
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	Yes	All sections	
Human Rights Act	Yes	All sections	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No		

6. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

7. Consultations

There has been widespread consultation on this YJ Plan including YOMB (Police, Probation, Health), CDRP, Cllr. Mark Farmer, Voluntary Sector, YOS Staff.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Council