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Leicester City Draft Youth Justice Plan 2017-18

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Useful information

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1. Summary

It is the duty of each local authority, after consultation with partners to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan setting out:

- How youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded; and
- How the Youth Offending Team (YOT) will be composed and funded; how it will operate, and what functions it will carry out.

The statutory youth justice plan must be submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and published annually by 31 August 2017. The youth justice plan is approved by the local Young Offender Management Board and submitted to the Youth Justice Board.

The document is the youth offending partnership's main statement of purpose and sets out its proposals to prevent offending by children and young people. The plan shows not only what the YOT will deliver as a service, but how strategic links with other supporting initiatives will be developed and maintained.

The youth justice plan should be read in conjunction with other relevant multi-agency plans including the Children and Young People's Plan, Safer Leicester Partnership Plan and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Policing Plan. The youth justice plan is supported by a more detailed operational YOS Improvement Action Plan (IAP) overseen by the Head of Service, who reports to the Young Offender Management Board.

The Youth Justice Plan should also be read in conjunction with the Full Joint Inspection report that was published in May 2016, by HMIP. The key recommendations from the inspection are identified within the Youth Justice Plan and an Improvement Action Plan (IAP) was submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and was approved by the Young Offender Management Board. The IAP is monitored by the Youth Justice Board and Young Offenders Management Board on a quarterly basis.

The youth justice plan is required to address the areas of performance, structure and governance, resources, value for money, partnership arrangements and risks to future delivery. The plan takes into account local performance issues, lessons from previous full joint and YOS thematic inspections, together with learning from any Serious Incidents.

2. Recommendations

- To note and agree the Leicester City Youth Justice Plan for 2017/18.
- To note the review of progress and agree the priorities in the report.
- To request the Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission to review progress against the actions and recommendations in October 2017.

3. Supporting information

The Leicester City Youth Justice Plan for 2017/18 is attached as Appendix One.

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1 Financial implications

The 2017/18 budgeted and forecast expenditure and financing for the Youth Offending Service is summarised in Appendix Two of the Youth Justice Plan contained within this report.

Martin Judson, Head of Finance, Education & Children's Services, Ext 37 4101

4.2 Legal implications

Following consultation with relevant partner agencies, section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires Leicester City Council formulate and implement an annual Youth Justice Plan setting out:

- a) How youth justice services in the area will be provided and funded; and
- b) How the youth offending team is to be composed and funded, how it will operate and what functions it will carry out.

The plan must then be submitted to the Youth Justice Board and published.

Katherine Jamieson, Solicitor, For City Barrister and Head of Standards Legal Services,
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4.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no significant climate change implications resulting from the attached report.

Duncan Bell, Senior Environmental Consultant, Environment Team, Ext 37 2249

4.4 Equalities Implications

The report does include the staffing profile and describes the diversity of staff that reflects the diversity of the city's population. From the perspective of meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty aims, the Youth Justice Plan sets out priority activities (in the Performance Overview section) that seek to promote equality of opportunity for young offenders by reducing the adverse impacts they are likely to experience through involvement with the criminal justice system; and by achieving these outcomes and enabling young offenders to take part in city and community life, contribute to improved good relations between different groups of people.

The report does not include analysis of the protected characteristics of young people served by the Youth Offending Team. However, a disproportionality analysis of the local YOS cohort has been completed since the last report and will inform the youth justice business plan and priorities in the coming year. This will be regularly monitored will be reported on to the YOMB.

The attention paid to tracking the protected characteristics of young offenders ensures that the service does not discriminate against any service user on the basis of who they are.

Sonya King, Equalities Officer, Ext. 37 4132

4.5 Other Implications

None

6. Background information and other papers

- 6.1 Youth Justice Plans: YJB Practice Note for Youth Offending
- 6.2 Partnerships Modern Youth Offending Partnerships - Guidance on
- 6.3 Effective Youth Offending Team Governance in England, Ministry of Justice, 2014
- 6.4 Crime and Disorder Act, Section 40, 1998

7. Summary of appendices

7.1 Appendix 1: Youth Justice Plan 2017/18

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

8.1 No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No