

CITY COUNCIL- 27 MARCH 2006

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND AREA WORKING

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2006-7

1 SUMMARY

1.1 The Youth Justice Board (YJB) requires each local authority area to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan (YJP) to outline the service that it (with its partner agencies) intends to provide to prevent offending and reduce re-offending by children and young people in its area. The Draft Youth Justice Plan 2006-7 for Nottingham has been circulated separately.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:-

- (1) that the YJP be approved for submission to the YJB subject to any amendments:-
 - (a) made at the Executive Board meeting on 21 March 2006;
 - (b) resulting from consultation with partner agencies prior to submission to the YJB on 30 April 2006;
 - (c) required by the YJB to achieve the rating of "Acceptable" by the end of May 2006;
- (2) that any amendments to the Plan as a result of consultation or YJB requirement be reported back to Council in June 2006.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Youth Justice Plan is a statutory requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which requires each local authority area to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan to outline the services that will be provided to prevent offending and reduce re-offending by children and young people in its area. It is part of the Council's Policy Framework. Timely submission to, and approval by, the

Youth Justice Board of the Youth Justice Plan is a condition of YJB funding of the Youth Offending Team (YOT). Prior to submission, it has to be approved for signature by the Chief Officers of all funding partners (City Council, Police, Probation and Health).

- 3.2 The Plan is required to be prepared in accordance with a template provided by the YJB, and addresses governance, leadership and resources issues in relation to the YOT, together with a delivery plan relating to 17 key areas of service delivery linked to its key performance indicators. Its appendices include a detailed report on the YOT's performance against its key performance indicators, four of which are included in the Council's Annual Performance Assessment (Prevention; Recidivism; Education, Training and Employment; and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services).
- 3.3 The performance data included in the Draft Plan is for 9 months from April to December 2005, and will be updated to the full year when the final quarter data becomes available in mid-April. The Plan has had to be presented in draft form prior to partnership consultation as a result of the time-line for its preparation, which cannot commence until late January.

4 PROPOSALS

All proposals are contained in the Plan, and will be completed within the timescales indicated in the delivery plan section between April 2006 and March 2007.

5 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

6 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Children and Young People's Plan 2006-7

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