

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>WEST MERCIA YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, J Millar, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	Thursday 25 July 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To endorse the Youth Justice Plan as attached at Appendix A, for approval by Council at its September meeting.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT:</b> <b>that the Youth Justice Plan as prepared, be endorsed, and it be recommended within the Policy Framework, that the Plan be approved by Council at its meeting on 27 September 2013.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Youth Justice Plan is prepared on an annual basis on behalf of Herefordshire Council, Shropshire Council, Telford and Wrekin Council and Worcestershire County Council. The basic plan preparation is undertaken by the West Mercia Youth Offending Service according to the deadlines and guidance from the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB).</li> <li>2. The Youth Justice Plan sets out how youth justice services across West Mercia are structured and identifies key actions to address identified risks to service delivery and improvement.</li> <li>3. Under section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 each Local Authority has a duty to produce a Youth Justice Plan setting out how Youth Justice Services in their area are provided and funded and how the Youth Offending Service for the area is funded and composed, the plan is submitted to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales.</li> <li>4. The Youth Justice Plan for 2013/14 was prepared in April 2013 in line with the guidance issued by the YJB, agreed at the West Mercia Youth Offending Management Board on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 and submitted to the YJB at the end of June 2013.</li> </ol>
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options as a Youth Justice Plan is required to be produced on an annual basis

Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	25 July 2013

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON**:..... Date: Thursday 25 July 2013  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

**Budget and Policy Framework Item**

Under Part 4 Section 3 of the Constitution, this Decision is not subject to the usual call in procedure as it is a Budget and Policy Framework Item and therefore must be decided at a meeting of the full Council.