

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision
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Title	Youth Justice Plan 2017-2018
Decision maker	Cabinet * for recommendation to: Council * Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	28 September 2017
Report exemption class	Open
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To recommend the Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 for approval by full Council (appendix a). The Youth Justice Plan (the plan) forms part of the council's budget and policy framework and is therefore reserved to full Council to approve. The plan is prepared on an annual basis on behalf of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Worcestershire councils. The basic plan preparation is undertaken by the West Mercia Youth Justice Service according to the deadlines and content requirements set by the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB). The plan sets out how youth justice services across West Mercia are structured and resourced and identifies key actions to address identified risks to service delivery and improvement. Under section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, each council has a duty to produce a 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 YJB.</p> <p>The plan for 2017/18 was prepared in May 2017 in line with the guidance issued by the YJB. A copy is appended.</p>

Decision	That: (a) the Youth Justice Plan (at appendix A) is recommended to full Council for approval.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022896
Options considered	The Youth Justice Plan is required to be produced on an annual basis and has been approved by the West Mercia Youth Justice Service management board; one alternative option would be to amend the contents of the plan prior to approval being sought by full council. However, this is not recommended as any amendments would also require approval from the WMYJS management board and the councils of the other West Mercia local authorities. In addition the council could choose not to endorse the adoption of the youth justice plan 2017/18; however, this is not recommended as it is a statutory requirement for the plan to be approved by full council; therefore there are no practical alternative options.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date	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.

Councillor:	Date 28 September 2017
Leader of the Council (Councillor AW Johnson)	

- 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.