

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2008/09

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CABINET

11 SEPTEMBER 2008

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

The Youth Justice Plan is prepared on an annual basis on behalf of Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council. The basic preparation of the plan is undertaken by the Youth Offending Service (YOS) according to deadlines and strict guidance from the Youth Justice Board (YJB).

Background

The YJB, in partnership with Youth Offending Services, has developed a new outcome-focused youth justice planning framework for England and Wales this year. The process is based upon self-assessment, improvement planning and then validated by the YJB through risk-led support. The quality and validation of our plan will improve future inspection processes such as APA and CAA and will inform the decision to release the Youth Offending Service grant to us.

As this is the first cycle of the new process the YOS Head of Service has led much of the work on behalf of both Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT the Youth Justice Plan as prepared be endorsed and that it be recommended within the Policy Framework that the Plan be approved by Council at its meeting on 31 October 2008.

Financial Implications

These are covered by the existing budgetary contribution.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Sharon Menghini, Director of Children's Services, on (01432) 260039

Risk Management

No major risks identified.

Alternative Options

There are no alternative options.

Consultees

As detailed in the Youth Justice Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Youth Justice Plan 2008-9

Background Papers

None identified.