

MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	16 SEPTEMBER 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CLASSIFICATION: Open

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 plan preparation is undertaken by the Youth Offending Service according to the deadlines and guidance from the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB).

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 19 November 2010.

Key Points Summary

The Youth Justice Plan sets out how youth justice services across Herefordshire and Worcestershire are structured and identifies key actions to address identified risks to service delivery and improvement.

Alternative Options

There are no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Youth Justice Plan is endorsed by Herefordshire Council on behalf of Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council annually.

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

Introduction and Background

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

The Youth Justice Plan for 2010/11 was prepared in March 2010 in line with the guidance issued by the YJB, agreed at the Youth Offending Management Board on 24th April 2010 and submitted to the YJB at the end of April 2010.

Key Considerations

The Youth Offending Service has six indicators in the set of national indicators for local areas. One of these indicators, NI 19, is included in the Local Area Agreement. Performance against the indicators is outlined in the plan and actions identified to address risks to performance improvement.

Community Impact

The principal aim of the Youth Justice System is the prevention of offending and re-offending by children and young people. The Youth Justice Plan set out an action plan to address the significant risks identified to future service delivery and improvement.

The contribution of the Youth Offending Service in addressing the priorities in the Herefordshire Children and Young Peoples Plan is outlined in the Youth Justice Plan.

Financial Implications

These are covered by the existing budgetary contribution.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications

Risk Management

The risks are identified in Section 6 of the Plan, together with the actions to mitigate them. .

Consultees

As detailed in the Youth Justice Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Youth Justice Plan

Background Papers

None identified.