

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>19 NOVEMBER 2010</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b>

**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).

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT the Youth Justice Plan as prepared be approved within the Policy Framework.**

### **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**

1. There are no alternative options.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

2. The Youth Justice Plan is a policy framework item.

### **Introduction and Background**

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
4. The Youth Justice Plan for 2010/11 was prepared in March 2010 in line with the guidance

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issued by the YJB, agreed at the Youth Offending Management Board on 24 April 2010 and submitted to the YJB at the end of April 2010. Membership of the Board is detailed on page 16 of Youth Justice Plan and includes Worcestershire County Council's Director of Children's Services.

5. Herefordshire Council acts as the Responsible Body for the signing off the Youth Justice Plan on behalf of Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

## **Key Considerations**

6. 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**

7. 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.
8. The contribution of the Youth Offending Service in addressing the priorities in the Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan is outlined in the Youth Justice Plan.

## **Financial Implications**

9. These are covered by the existing budgetary contribution.

## **Legal Implications**

10. There are no legal implications

## **Risk Management**

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

## **Consultees**

12. As detailed in the Youth Justice Plan

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Youth Justice Plan

## **Background Papers**

- None identified.