

MEETING:	COUNCIL
DATE:	18 NOVEMBER 2011
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 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

There are no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Youth Justice Plan is endorsed by Herefordshire Council annually.

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 2011 in line with the guidance issued by the YJB, the draft plan was agreed at the Youth Offending Management Board on 4th April 2011 and signed off by Management Board members in July 2011.

Key Considerations

The Youth Offending Service had five indicators in the set of national indicators for local areas. Performance against the indicators for Worcestershire and Herefordshire is outlined in the plan and actions identified to address risks to performance improvement.

Key data relating to YOS Performance and Youth Offending fro Herefordshire is provided at Appendix 2 to this report.

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 future service delivery and improvement.

Financial Implications

These are covered by the existing budgetary contribution.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

Risk Management

There are no risks associated with the endorsement of the Youth Justice Plan.

Consultees

As detailed in the Youth Justice Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Youth Justice Plan

Appendix 2 – Youth Offending Service Key Data for Herefordshire

Background Papers

None identified.