

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2019-20

To: **Children and Young People Committee**

Meeting Date: **10th September 2019**

From: **Adrian Chapman, Service Director: Community & Safety**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **n/a** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: To consider and sign off the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Annual Youth Justice Plan 2019-22

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

- a) endorse the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan
- b) endorse and agree the strategic objectives of the Youth Justice Management Partnership
- c) endorse and agree the Cambridgeshire Youth Offending Service operational priorities

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report describes the objectives and priorities set out within the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-22. It is a statutory requirement under the 1998 Crime & Disorder Act for local authorities and the wider partnership to have a Youth Justice Management Board and strategic Youth Justice Plan. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have developed and submitted a Joint Youth Justice Board Plan through the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Management Board. The Youth Justice Plan is endorsed by the Joint Management Board and the central Youth Justice Board (YJB) prior to release of the Youth Offending Team's Youth Justice Grants.
- 1.2 For the first time a three year plan has been developed with an annual review and update section that will be completed every 12 months. This decision has been reached in agreement with the Youth Justice Board.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The Youth Justice Plan reviews performance for 2018/19 where it can be seen that the youth justice partnership has performed well in respect of key performance indicators for reducing the number of First Time Entrants, reducing Custody and reducing Offending. We have performed better than both the national and Eastern Region average in all of the above indicators and performance continues to remain strong.
- 2.2 HM Probation Inspectorate launched a new three year phased Youth Justice inspection framework in May 2018. They will inspect three 'Domains', of Youth Offending Services work; **Organisational delivery, Court Disposals** and **Out of Court Disposals (O OCD)**. Overall judgements against the three domains will be given as either **Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement** or **Inadequate**. Results of the inspection will be given during the last day of the Inspection, with a report and press release published six weeks later.
- 2.3 Cambridgeshire last received an inspection in October 2016 when they received an overall **Good** judgement. Activity to ensure we are inspection ready is in place including an audit programme, self-assessment, improvement plan, Story of Place and opening Inspection presentation.
- 2.4 The youth offending service continues to receive statutory financial, staff and payment in kind contributions from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health, the Constabulary and Probation Service. There has been a minimal reduction to grant contributions from the Youth Justice Board in respect of the Effective Practice Grant for 2019/20, where we have seen a 1% reduction in funding. Cambridgeshire County Council have reduced their financial contribution to the Youth Offending Service by 30k, which is reasonable given the risk that has been carried for Youth Justice Board grant reductions over the last few years.
- 2.5 We have been successful in securing a Home Office Early Intervention Fund bid of £484k to fund a Safer Relationships Team across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for a 12 month period. This team will work alongside our most vulnerable and high risk

young people who are at moderate and significant risk of Criminal Exploitation and Serious Youth Violence. In addition we have been allocated a £75k Youth Justice Board pathfinder grant for three years (£225k in total) to develop effective practice for County Lines in Cambridgeshire, which will aim to develop evidenced based practice alongside Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

2.6 Within the 2019-22 Youth Justice Plan the following strategic objectives have been identified:

- Increasing engagement in Education, Training, Employment (ETE) and reducing those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) / Missing from Education
- Ensuring effective transitions and support to move to adult facing services
- Ensure that health and social care services are integrated with youth justice and we promote and improve young people's health, wellbeing and life chances
- Implement a partnership response to re-offending data and set priorities for reducing the number of young people who reoffend
- Enhance the partnership response to Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Serious Youth Violence
- Ensure that there are robust partnership arrangements to prevent custodial sentences/remands and facilitate effective post custody resettlement
- Develop a partnership strategy for prevention and out of court disposals to reduce the number of young people becoming First Time Entrants and those receiving Court disposals

2.7 The Youth Justice plan also outlines the following operational priority areas for Cambridgeshire Youth Offending Service:

- Strong quality assurance process and live monitoring of re-offending
- Strong data, information and performance analysis processes
- Production of high quality Asset Plus Assessments
- Alignment and partnership development with Children's Service Adolescent Teams
- Effective Multi-Agency Public Protection practice and processes
- Responding to Criminal Exploitation and Serious Youth Violence
- Identification of health needs and delivery of interventions
- Development of Contextual Safeguarding and Trauma Informed Practice

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The Youth Justice Plan 2019-22 aligns with all of Cambridgeshire County Councils corporate objectives as described below.

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officer:

- Increasing Education, Training, Employment (ETE) and decreasing missing from education
- Ensuring effective transitions
- Improving young people's health, wellbeing and life chances
- Preventing remands and custodial sentences
- Prevent young people from entering and progressing in youth justice system

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officer:

- Increasing ETE and decreasing missing from education
- Prevent young people from entering and progressing in youth justice system
- Enhancing partnership response to CCE and serious youth violence

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's Children

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officer:

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- Improving young people's health, wellbeing and life chances
- Preventing remands and custodial sentences
- Prevent young people from entering and progressing in youth justice system

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- It is a statutory requirement to have an agreed Partnership Youth Justice Plan as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Emma Jones
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Gus de Silva
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Amy Brown
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Matthew Hall
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Tess Campbell

Source Documents	Location
None	