



CABINET

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION: LESLEY HAGGER

**CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES:
COUNCILLOR MATTHEW GOLBY**

Subject:	Youth Justice Plan 2016/17
Recommendations:	Cabinet are asked to agree the Youth Justice Plan 2016/17 and recommend it for approval by full Council.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This Strategic Plan aims to show what is being done to address offending and reoffending by young people in Northamptonshire. It demonstrates what will be done in the current year to maintain and improve upon performance in this area.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Report is for Members to make comments and agree the submission of the Plan to the Youth Justice Board (YJB), as part of the policy framework of NCC. It has been agreed by the YOS Management Board.

2. How this decision contributes to the Council Plan

The Council’s vision is to make Northamptonshire a great place to live and work. This is achieved through increasing the wellbeing of your county’s communities and/or safeguarding the county’s communities.

This initiative specifically delivers increased wellbeing and/or safeguarding by ensuring that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People of all ages are safe, protected from harm and able to live happy, healthy and independent lives in our communities.• People have the information and support they need to make healthy choices and achieve wellbeing.• People achieve economic prosperity, in a healthy, low carbon economy which give access to jobs, training and skills development.• Communities thrive in a pleasant and resilient environment, with robust transport and communications infrastructure.• Resources are utilised effectively and efficiently, in coordination with partners and providers.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Youth Justice Plan is an annual plan produced by the Northamptonshire Youth Offending Service (YOS) partnership. It is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Plan aims to show what is being done to address offending and reoffending by young people in Northamptonshire.

- 3.2 Members need to understand that the Plan has been written to meet the needs of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), the Multi-agency Youth Offending Service partnership, and the Youth Justice Board (YJB). So it ties in with NCC's Strategy Map, and Directorate Plans. It links to the Children and Young People's Plan of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board. It also addresses YJB expectations, and will be submitted to the YJB.
- 3.3 The YOS is a multi-agency partnership set up by statute in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The statutory partners are Northamptonshire Police Service, the National Probation Service, Nene CCG, Corby CCG, and Northamptonshire County Council. The stated aim is to reduce offending and reoffending by children and young people. The YOS sits in both children's services and the criminal justice system.
- 3.4 The performance of the YOS has been improving in recent years, as shown within the Plan and the performance appendix. Performance against all key indicators has continued to improve during the last 12 months and early forecasts indicate projected continued progress.

4. Consultation and Scrutiny

- 4.1 Each statutory agency of the YOS Management Board has to agree the report, before it is submitted to the Youth Justice Board. The format follows the expectations of the Management Board, Northamptonshire County Council, and the Youth Justice Board. The members of the YOS Management Board have reviewed and agreed the content of the Plan and the Cabinet portfolio holder has been briefed and appraised of the content and key issues contained in the Plan.

5. Equality Screening

The Equality Impact Assessment identified that the proposal (YJ Plan) would have a neutral impact in regard to identified groups. Full details of the implications are set out in the Quality Impact Assessment which can be found here:

Children, Families & Education:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Council/equalities/Pages/CYP-EIA.aspx>

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 The Youth Justice Plan is a statutory requirement and consequently no options other than to submit the Plan are available or have been considered.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The NCC contribution to this service is contained within the 2016/17 base budget. The budget contribution by all partners has been finalised. Therefore there are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 7.2 The NCC budget contribution to the YOS in 2016/17 is £1,432,723. The other main contributors are Police, Probation, Health, and the Youth Justice Board. The total cash

budget for the YOS for 2016/17 is £2,376,877 while cash and in kind contributions amount to £2,677,497 as outlined on page 33 of the Plan.

8. Risk and Business Continuity Management

a) Risk(s) associated with the proposal

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
Performance reduction of National Indicators relating to youth justice	Resources allocated to sustain and improve performance	Green

b) Risk(s) associated with not undertaking the proposal

Risk	Risk Rating
The YOS will not have a strategic plan, and the Youth Justice Board requires this, as does the Crime and Disorder Act 1998	Red

9. List of Appendices

- Appendix One – Youth Justice Plan 2016-17

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Background Papers:	None
Does the report propose a key decision is taken?	YES
If yes, is the decision in the Forward Plan?	YES
Will further decisions be required? If so, please outline the timetable here	None
Does the report include delegated decisions? If so, please outline the timetable here	NO
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget and/or policy framework?	NO
Have the financial implications been cleared by the Strategic Finance Manager (SFM)?	YES Name of SFM: James Smith The financial implications relate to the budget set within the council and there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been addressed in the budget setting process.
Have any capital spend implications been cleared by the Capital Investment Board (CIB)	N/A
Has the report been cleared by the relevant Director?	YES Name of Director: Palvinder Kudhail

Has the relevant Cabinet Member been consulted?	YES Cabinet Member: Councillor Matt Golby
Has the relevant scrutiny committee been consulted?	N/A Scrutiny Committee:
Has the report been cleared by Legal Services?	YES Name of solicitor: Laurie Gould
	Solicitor's comments: None
Have any communications issues been cleared by Communications and Marketing?	N/A Name of officer:
Have any property issues been cleared by Property and Asset Management?	N/A Name of officer:
Are there any community safety implications?	The YOS supervises young people who have offended or who are at risk of offending or committing anti-social behaviour. The YOS is fully involved with Community Safety across the county, as well as the Local Criminal Justice Board. So the whole business has community safety implications.
Are there any environmental implications:	None
Are there any Health & Safety Implications:	NO These are within the normal parameters of a social service, but do not include any industrial features.
Are there any Human Resources Implications:	NO
Are there any human rights implications:	YES The human rights of all young people who offend are a core aspect of service delivery, especially for those who go into custody.
Constituency Interest:	The YOS is a countywide service.