



CABINET

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**CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES:
COUNCILLOR VICTORIA PERRY**

Subject:	Youth Justice Plan 2018/19
Recommendations:	Cabinet is asked to agree the Youth Justice Plan 2018/19 (set out at Appendix 1) 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 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC). It has been agreed by the Youth Offending Service (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.

<p>This initiative helps the Council to deliver this vision through the following strategic priorities outlined in the Council Plan <i>(Please delete as appropriate)</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children and young people are safeguarded and vulnerable children are protected from harm. • Northamptonshire communities and individuals are safe. • Narrowing the gap in achievement for vulnerable children and young people. • Improving education progress attainment and skills at all key stages and throughout adulthood. • Keeping communities and individuals safe and supported to be healthy and stay independent.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Youth Justice Plan is an annual plan produced by the 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 should be informed that the Plan has been written to meet the needs of 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 has been 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.

4. Consultation and Scrutiny

- 4.1 The Youth Justice Board and each statutory agency of the YOS Management Board has to agree the report. 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 plan has been submitted in draft form to the Youth Justice Board for their approval, which has been given.

5. Equality Screening

- 5.1 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://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/equalities/equality-impact-assessments-eqias/Pages/children,-families-and-education-equality-impact-assessments-\(eqias\).aspx](http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/equalities/equality-impact-assessments-eqias/Pages/children,-families-and-education-equality-impact-assessments-(eqias).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 Council's contribution to this service is contained within the 2018/19 base budget. The budget contribution by all partners has been finalised. Therefore there are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 The Council's budget contribution to the YOS in 2018/19 is £1,488,408. The other main contributors are Police, Probation, Health, and the Youth Justice Board. The total cash budget for the YOS for 2018/19 is £2,353,238 while cash and in kind contributions amount to £2,653,858 as outlined on page 32 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 1: Youth Justice Plan**

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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

<p>Have the financial implications been cleared by the Strategic Finance Manager (SFM)?</p> <p>Have any capital spend implications been cleared by the Capital Investment Board (CIB)?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Name of SFM: Emily Taylor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Has the report been cleared by the relevant Director?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Name of Director: Walter McCulloch</p>
<p>Has the relevant Cabinet Member been consulted?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Victoria Perry</p>
<p>Has the relevant scrutiny committee been consulted?</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Scrutiny Committee:</p>
<p>Has the report been cleared by Legal Services?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Name of solicitor: Susan Zeiss</p>
<p>Have any communications issues been cleared by Communications and Marketing?</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Name of officer:</p>
<p>Have any property Issues been cleared by Property and Asset Management?</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Name of officer:</p>
<p>Have the Procurement Implications below been referenced in the Paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you evidenced compliance with the Council's Contract Procedures Rules? • Have you made clear in this paper where you are seeking Cabinet to approve an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules and detailed the risks and mitigations? • Have you identified any EU or UK legislative risks such as non-compliance with the Public Contract Regulations Act 2015, transparency and open competition? • Have you identified the procurement risks associated with a contract? 	<p>N/A</p> <p>Name of officer</p>
<p>Are there any community safety implications?</p>	<p>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</p>

	with Community Safety across the county, as well as the Local Criminal Justice Board.
Are there any environmental implications:	None
Are there any Health and 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.

