

ADULT AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2019-22

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Adrian Chapman, Service Director - Communities and Partnerships	Deadline date:
<p>It is recommended that the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. scrutinises and endorses the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2. scrutinises and endorses the strategic objectives of the Youth Justice Management Partnership 3. scrutinises and endorses the Peterborough Youth Offending Service operational priorities 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is presented to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee at the request of the Service Director - Communities and Partnerships.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 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.

2.2 This report is for the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1

Functions determined by Council:

4. Neighbourhood and Community Support (including cohesion, community safety and youth offending)

and Functions determined by Statute:

To review and scrutinise crime and disorder matters, including acting as the Council's crime and disorder committee in accordance with Sections 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006;.

2.3 The Youth Justice Plan closely aligns with Peterborough's Strategic Objectives in respect of the

following priorities:

- Improving educational attainment and skills
- Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults
- Keeping all our communities safe, cohesive and healthy
- Achieving the best health and wellbeing for the city

2.4 This report links to the Children in Care Pledge in respect of:

- supporting young people into college and education
- helping encourage young people to be healthy
- supporting young people to have a good education

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	18 November 2019
Date for relevant Council meeting if applicable	18 December 2019	Date for submission to Government Dept.	N/A

4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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 approach has been agreed with the Youth Justice Board.
- 4.3 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 preventing first time entrants into the criminal justice system, and reducing custody. We have performed better than both the national and Eastern Region averages in these areas. However, we have seen a slight decline during the overall annual period for re-offending, which is as a result of a small, high risk and complex cohort, and a response is in place to address this and improve in this area.
- 4.4 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 (OOCB)**. Overall judgements against the 3 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 6 weeks later.
- 4.5 Peterborough last received an inspection in April 2014 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 document, and opening Inspection presentation.
- 4.6 The youth offending service continues to receive statutory financial, staff and payment in kind contributions from the Clinical Commissioning Group, 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.

4.7 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.

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

- Increasing engagement in relation to young people in education, employment or training (EET), and reducing those not in education, employment or training (NEET) or who are missing from education
- Ensuring effective transitions and support to move young people to adult services
- Ensuring that health and social care services are integrated with youth justice services, and we promote and improve young people's health, wellbeing and life chances
- Implementing a partnership response to re-offending data and setting priorities for reducing the number of young people who reoffend
- Enhancing the partnership response to Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Serious Youth Violence
- Ensuring that there are robust partnership arrangements to prevent custodial sentences/remands and that facilitate effective post custody resettlement
- Developing 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

4.9 The Youth Justice Plan also outlines the following operational priority areas for Peterborough 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
- Review and development of the Targeted Youth Support Service
- 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

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 The Youth Justice Plan 2019-22 has been completed in consultation with staff, partners and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Management Board.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Endorsement of the Youth Justice Plan will enable the Youth Justice Partnership to focus on strategic objectives and operational priorities for the next 3 years.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is a statutory requirement to have an agreed Partnership Youth Justice Plan as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and best practice for this to be scrutinised by Members.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 NA

9. IMPLICATIONS

9.1 **Financial Implications**

N/A

9.2 **Legal Implications**

As stated above it is a statutory requirement to have an agreed Partnership Youth Justice Plan as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

9.3 **Equalities Implications**

N/A

9.4 **Rural Implications**

N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-22

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-22