

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2019-2022

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Deadline date: 4 March 2020
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommends to Council the approval of the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2. Endorses and agrees the strategic objectives of the Youth Justice Management Partnership 3. Endorses and agrees Peterborough Youth Offending Service operational priorities 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

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

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 Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1, *"To take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategy Executive functions with the Council's Mayor Policy and Budget Framework and the lead the Council's overall improvement programmes to deliver excellent services."*
- 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	3rd February 2020
Date for relevant Council meeting	4th March 2020	Date for submission to Government Dept.	September 2019

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 decision has been reached in agreement 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 and reducing Custody. We have performed better than both the national and Eastern Region average 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 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 phase 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 (OCD)**. 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, 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, 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.
- 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 priorities have been identified:
- Increasing engagement in employment, training and education (ETE) and reducing numbers not in employment, education and training (NEET)/ Missing from Education

- Ensuring effective transitions and support to move to adult facing services
- Ensuring that health and social care services are integrated with youth justice and that 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 to 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 to seek approval from committee. This 3 year plan will be reviewed annually.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 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.

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

Carbon Impact Assessment

- 9.4 Neutral – there are no fundamental changes to the current Youth Justice Plan and therefore it is expected that there will be no impact on carbon emissions.

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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-22