

## **Council**

**15 October 2019**

### **Warwickshire Youth Justice Plan 2019/20**

#### **Recommendation from Cabinet**

That the Warwickshire Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2019/20 be adopted by Warwickshire County Council.

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.0 The annual Youth Justice Strategic Plan and its submission to the national Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB) is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Grant funding from the YJB to Youth Offending Teams (Locally called the Youth Justice Service) is reliant on the submission of an acceptable plan within the required template/format. The County Council has received confirmation, from the JYB Regional Head of Improvement contact, that the plan now before Council meets the required national criteria and standards.
- 1.1 This plan reflects the performance, work and achievements of the Warwickshire Youth Justice Service (WYJS) throughout the preceding fiscal year, with particular reference to the prescribed Youth Justice Board indicators relating to Reoffending, First Time Entrants and Custody rates commenting in respect of previous trends, family group and national comparators.
- 1.2 This plan also sets out the key strategic priorities that the Youth Justice Service will focus on. These embrace the key Transformation Behaviours for Warwickshire County Council and look to progress the key indicators prescribed by the National Youth Justice Board.
- 1.3 The Youth Justice Chief Officer Board is a multi-agency group chaired by the Warwickshire County Council Strategic Director for People. Within statute this Board is responsible to the YJB for the overview and implementation of the Youth Justice plan and will receive regular 'RAG rated' action plan updates to drive forward our key indicators and quality standards.
- 1.4 An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in respect of this plan and will help ensure that service development is relevant to the diversity of the population and the needs of different neighbourhoods/groups. The Youth Justice Chief Officer Board receives regular performance information that identifies any disproportionality and will inform plans to address any barriers to improvement and ensure delivery is equitable and fair.
- 1.5 The Youth Justice Strategic Plan was considered and endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September 2019.

## 2.0 Financial Implications

- 2.1 The appendix at the end of the plan outlines the partnership budget for Youth Justice in accordance with Youth Justice Board requirements. The YJS gross budget is in total £2,493,798. This part of the plan is based upon partners providing cost and budget information which is co-ordinated by WCC Finance.
- 2.2 The Youth Justice Board grant has only been very marginally reduced for 2019/20, which has supported the smooth preparation of a balanced budget for our local Youth Justice Service.

## 3. Next steps

The objectives within the plan will be reviewed by the WYJS throughout the year on a quarterly basis and performance shared with WYJS Chief Officers' Board, the Warwickshire Safer Partnership Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board.

### Background Papers

None

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