

County Council

24 September 2024

Youth Justice Plan

Recommendation

That Council approves the Warwickshire Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2024/25.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 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 (YOT) (Locally called the Youth Justice Service) is reliant on the submission of an acceptable plan within the required format.
- 1.2 Youth Justice Plans are required to be approved by the full council in accordance with Regulation 4 of the 'Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000'.
- 1.3 The Youth Justice Chief Officer Board is a multi-agency group chaired by the Warwickshire County Council Executive Director for Children & Young People. This Board is responsible to the YJB for the overview and implementation of the Youth Justice Plan. The Plan was agreed by the Board and submitted to the Youth Justice Board.
- 1.4 The Youth Justice Plan covers performance for the period 2023/24 and provides service budgets, operational and strategic developments within the service and partnership, service structure and the Service Improvement Plan for 2024/25.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no direct financial implications for the County Council arising from this report. The Plan will be delivered within existing budgeted resources from the County Council, partners and grant funding from the Government, as set out in the Plan.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

4.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval by the Council for the 2024/25 Youth Justice Plan

4.2 Warwickshire is a high performing Youth Justice Service which continues to develop and utilise its funding to best meet the needs of children. This will include a clear focus on delivering high quality interventions with children and families through a holistic lens.

4.3 The actions associated with the Plan will be tracked and monitored by the Warwickshire Youth Justice Chief Officer Board in line with the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 The objectives within the plan will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Warwickshire Youth Justice Chief Officers' Board

Appendices

Appendix 1- Youth Justice Plan 2024/25

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