



CABINET – 17 JUNE 2016.

**LEICESTERSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE 3 YEAR STRATEGIC
PLAN 2016 –2019**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES**

PART A

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Cabinet the draft Leicestershire Youth Justice three year Strategic Plan covering the period 2016 - 2019.

Recommendation

2. That the draft Leicestershire Youth Justice 3 year Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019, as set out in the appendix to the report, be submitted to the County Council on 29 June 2016 for approval.

Reason for Recommendations

3. The County Council has a statutory duty under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan. Following guidance issued by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) in 2015, subsequent plans will cover a three year period.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

4. The draft Plan will be considered by the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 15 June and its comments will be reported to the Cabinet.
5. Subject to approval by the Cabinet, the Plan will be submitted to the County Council for approval at its meeting on the 29 June 2016.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

6. Youth Justice Plans have previously been produced on an annual basis since the Youth Offending Service was established in April 2000. The previous Plan was approved by the County Council on 8 July 2015.

Resource Implications

7. Sections 4 and 6 of the draft Plan sets out the resourcing and funding arrangements for the Youth Offending Service (YOS). The County Council remains the major funding partner via the Children and Families Service.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

8. None.

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PART B

Background

9. The draft Plan highlights the continuing high performance of the YOS in 2015/16, and sets out the services priorities and objectives. To reduce the burden on Youth Offending Services nationally, the Youth Justice Board has encouraged services to outline their priorities over a 3 year period. The new plan therefore details the services priorities for 2016 to 2019.

10. The work of the Youth Offending Service over the last three years has been set against reduced funding from the YJB, partner agencies, and through the County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). Reductions in staff have been balanced across a number of functions, to preserve the services work linked to preventative work with young people on the cusp of offending. Performance against national indicators remains good compared to regional and national trends.

Consultation

11. There is a requirement for the Plan to be agreed by the statutory partners that make up the Youth Offending Service partnership. As a part of the consultation process the draft plan was first submitted to the Youth Offending Service Management Board on the 12th of February 2016 before the commencement of an online public consultation which ran until the 25 March. The revised draft Plan was approved by the Youth Offending Services Management Board on the 20th of May 2016.

Background Papers

Report to Council – 8 July 2015 - Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2015/16.

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Appendix

Draft Leicestershire Youth Justice 3 year Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

12. An equality and human rights impact assessment has been completed in light of the MTFS changes and introduction of the Plan and there are no adverse impacts highlighted.

Risk Assessment

13. A risk management plan has been incorporated into the draft Youth Justice Strategic Plan which can be found on page 17.