

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 26 MARCH 2014

DRAFT YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2014/15

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Children and Family Services concerning the Draft Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2014/15. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 9”, is filed with these minutes.

The Director of Children and Family Services introduced the report by stating that the Youth Offending Service had followed the Supporting Leicestershire Families Service in moving from the Chief Executive’s Department to the Children and Young People’s Service. The report would continue to be considered by the Scrutiny Commission in future years in its capacity as “crime and disorder” scrutiny committee.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting the Cabinet Lead Member for Community Safety, Mr. J. T. Orson JP CC, who stressed the good work that had been carried out in this area, despite the savings reductions that had been made.

Arising from a discussion on the Plan, the following points were noted:

- The Service was congratulated for its 68.3% reduction of first time entrants into the youth justice system;
- It was noted that the risk management section (set out in pages 51 to 53) did not presently include a scale of risk. It was noted that the higher the risk score given, the higher the risk;
- It was felt by some members that it would be helpful to include more qualitative information around the work that was being carried out to tackle the issues highlighted in the Plan;
- Work continued with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on some of the issues highlighted in the Plan and he had been consulted on its content. It was noted that the PCC presently funded around 8% of the Youth Offending Service’s budget.

RESOLVED:

That the Draft Youth Justice Plan 2014/15 be commended to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 1 April 2014.