

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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TITLE:	Youth Justice Plan 2014-15	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan sets out work to be undertaken to prevent youth offending and re-offending across Bath and North East Somerset.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Youth Justice Plan fulfils the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and can be submitted to the national Youth Justice Board.
- 2.2 The Youth Justice Plan is adopted as part of the Council's Policy and Budget Framework and can be accommodated within the Council budget
- 2.3 The relevant Development and Scrutiny Panel oversees progress and performance

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Council is the lead partner in the multi-agency arrangements to prevent youth offending, working closely with the Police, Probation and Health services, in accordance with the Crime and disorder Act 1998. All partners have a statutory responsibility to participate in the resourcing of the youth Offending Service. The council makes a significant contribution in terms of staff, cash and additional support, including provision of office accommodation and a range of financial and personnel services. In 2014-2015, the Council is contributing £365,136, mostly in the form of staff.
- 3.2 The Operational Manager, under the supervision of the Service Manager, has delegated responsibility from the Youth Offending Service Management Board for delivery of services set out within the Youth Justice Plan, within the agreed budget.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

Preparation of an annual Youth Justice Plan is required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The national Youth Justice Board has requested that it is submitted by 30 September 2014.

5 THE REPORT

The principal, statutory aim of the youth justice system is to prevent youth offending. The Local Authority is the lead partner in the multi-agency arrangements for work undertaken with young people who have committed offences. The Youth Justice Plan reviews the positive progress and performance last year in work with young people at risk of offending and re-offending, and with parents/carers and victims and sets out how services are to be resourced and delivered in 2014-2015.

Actions in the work plan included will contribute to making Bath and North East Somerset a safer place and to helping young people work towards more positive individual outcomes.

6 RATIONALE

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish a Youth Justice Plan.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

8 CONSULTATION

This Plan draws on self-assessment and consultation within the multi-agency Youth Offending Service and its Management Board, including the Lead Member for Children, Young People, Health and Wellbeing. A copy has been sent to the Trade Unions.

This Plan has been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director, Legal and Democratic Services) and the Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director, Finance) and was approved by the Youth Offending Service Management Board on 24 June and Cabinet on 16 July 2014.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	
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