

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING	Council
TITLE:	Youth Justice Plan 2018-19
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Local Authority (with responsibilities for Social Care and Education) has a statutory duty, in consultation with key partner agencies Health, Police and Probation, to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan sets out how youth justice services are to be composed and funded, how they will operate and what functions they will carry out to prevent youth offending and re-offending across Bath and North East Somerset.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Youth Justice Plan fulfils the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and can be submitted to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales;
- 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 Police, Probation and Health Services. All partners have statutory responsibilities to participate in the resourcing of the Youth Offending Service. At the time of producing this Plan, Avon and Somerset Constabulary is proposing significant reductions in its staffing and financial contribution. There are no changes to the resources from other statutory partners. The Council makes the greatest contribution in terms of staff, cash and additional support, including office accommodation and financial and human resources support services. In 2018-19, the Council is contributing £447,195 towards a total budget of £797,668, most of which pays for staff salaries;
- 3.2 The work of the Service also depends on a national grant from the Ministry of Justice, via the Youth Justice Board. For the year ahead, this amount remains constant at £181,337. The Police and Crime Commissioner's direct contribution

remains £10,217 and NHS England is now funding a new post at £40,000. All remaining costs are met by the statutory partners;

- 3.3 Submission of a Youth Justice Plan is a condition for receipt of the Youth Justice Board grant.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Preparation of a Youth Justice Plan is required under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The national Youth Justice Board for England and Wales has published guidelines for its completion and requires it to be submitted by 31 July 2018.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The principal, statutory aim of the youth justice system is to prevent youth offending by 10-17 year olds. The Youth Justice Plan reviews the latest performance indicators for work with young people at risk of offending and re-offending and sets out how services will be resourced and delivered in 2018-19;
- 5.2 Actions in the work plan will help to make Bath and North East Somerset a safer place and support young people work towards crime-free lives with better prospects for the future;
- 5.3 The Youth Justice Plan 2018-19 is attached as an appendix to this report.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The Council has a statutory obligation to publish a Youth Justice Plan

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 This Plan draws on feedback made available from service users and has been discussed with the Youth Offending Service and its Management Board and reflects issues from the two sub-groups, the Youth Crime Prevention Board and the Custody Review Panel;
- 8.2 A copy of this Plan has been sent to the Trade Unions;
- 8.3 This Plan has been approved for publication by the Council's Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 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	Youth Justice Plan 2017-18

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