

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Christopher Watt, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 1st June 2010	PAPER NUMBER 2
TITLE:	Youth Offending Team Core Case Inspection Improvement Plan	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2123
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Bath and North East Somerset Youth Offending Team was the subject of a Core Case Inspection undertaken by HM Inspectorate of Probation in February 2010. The Inspectorate's report was published on 12 May 2010 and the Council is now required to submit an improvement plan, addressing their recommendations.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The improvement plan fully addresses the recommendations set out in the Inspectorate's report
- 2.2 The improvement plan can be submitted to HMI Probation

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Youth Offending Team is funded by its constituent partner agencies and grants from the Youth Justice Board and the Department for Education. The improvement plan will be delivered within the current budget.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Building communities where people feel safe and secure
- Improving life chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 HM Inspectorate of Probation examined a representative sample of youth offending cases and made judgements about how often the public protection and safeguarding aspects of the work were undertaken to a sufficiently high standard. They made seven recommendations for improvements to ensure that, in future, a greater proportion of cases meet sufficiently high levels of quality.
- 5.2 The improvement plan sets out a range of actions, with identified leads and timescales, which will enable the necessary improvements to be made.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 The actions set out in the improvement plan will be incorporated into the Strategic Youth Justice Plan, which will be subject to an equalities impact assessment

8 RATIONALE

- 8.1 It is a requirement that an improvement plan, addressing the recommendations made in the Inspectors' report, should be submitted to HM Inspectorate of Probation four weeks after publication. When finalised, the Inspectorate will forward the plan to the Youth Justice Board to monitor its implementation.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 Staff in the multi-agency Youth Offending Team have been involved in putting the plan together and have been fully consulted through various internal meetings

10.2 The Youth Offending Team Management Board, including representatives from the Council Children's Service, Police, Health, Probation, Connexions and Community Safety, discussed the improvement plan at its last meeting

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Social Inclusion; Young People; Human Rights;

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 This report has been sent to the Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) so that they have opportunity to input to this report and clear it for publication.

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Background papers	HMI Probation Core Case Inspection of Youth Offending Work in Bath and North East Somerset, published 12 May 2010
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