

<b>Meeting:</b>	Executive
<b>Meeting date:</b>	10/10/2024
<b>Report of:</b>	Martin Kelly / Sara Orton
<b>Portfolio of:</b>	Cllr Bob Webb, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education

## Decision Report: York Youth Justice Plan

### Subject of Report

This report regarding the Youth Justice Plan is brought before Members for consideration and to seek approval. Guidance for the plan is as follows:

1. Local authorities have a statutory duty to submit an annual Youth Justice Plan relating to their provision of Youth Justice Services. Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the Youth Justice partnership's responsibilities in producing a plan. It states that it is the duty of each Local Authority, after consultation with their partner agencies, to formulate and implement an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan should set out how Youth Justice Services in their area are to be provided and funded, how they will operate, and what functions will be carried out.
2. The plan addresses the functions assigned to the Youth Justice Service and outlines how the service aims to prevent offending behaviour and reduce reoffending.
3. The plan is required to outline how the service takes a strengths-based approach towards delivering a Child First justice system, as outlined by the Youth Justice Board.
4. Annual Youth Justice Plans are an opportunity to review performance and developments over a single year period and plan for the next year. This allows services to be able to respond to any changes that have taken place in the previous year, including new legislation, demographic changes, delivery of key performance indicators, and developments in service delivery. The planning and production of a Youth Justice Plan is beneficial to partnership working and service delivery to ensure the best outcomes for children.

5. Youth Justice Plans, in England only, must be signed off by the full council in accordance with Regulation 4 of the 'Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000'.
6. There are not any foreseeable issues with submission of this plan once it has been agreed. The Youth Justice Service require agreement at the soonest opportunity to ensure the Youth Justice Board can publicise the plan for York.

## **Benefits and Challenges**

7. The Youth Justice Service have been submitting a Youth Justice Plan since the creation of youth justice teams in 2000, therefore the risks to the authority are minimal as we have experience in creating this document to the required standard of the specific guidance set by the Youth Justice Board. The benefit of agreeing the plan endorses the partnership vision and activity therefore allowing the service to continue to move forward. The plan is a requirement of the Youth Justice Board annual grant to the service.

## **Policy Basis for Decision**

8. The plan is set out in a format that ensures compliance with the Council Plan, strategies and executive policies.

## **Financial Strategy Implications**

9. The service is funded and a significant portion of our funding is from the Youth Justice Board, equating to £309,478 for 2024/2025. This plan is a condition of the grant. Without this funding stream, the Youth Justice Service could not maintain our level of service. Other areas of funding for the Youth Justice Service include the City of York Council, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Health, Probation and the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. Further details of funding streams are laid out in the Youth Justice Plan.

## **Recommendation and Reasons**

10. *The recommendation is to commend the Youth Justice plan to Full Council for approval..*

## **Background**

11. The Youth Justice Plan is a requirement of the Youth Justice Board and submitted to the YJB for agreement in July 2024, publication of the plan happens later in the year. The Youth Justice Service require this plan to be agreed by the wider local authority and members. The plan is pivotal to ensure that the Youth Justice Service are working towards improving outcomes for

children and their families, showcase the work of the service and a component for Youth Justice Board funding.

## Consultation Analysis

12. The Youth Justice Plan was created in collaboration with the multi agency Youth Justice Service management board. All board members have had sight of the plan and their requested amendments made. The final copy was presented at the most recent board in July 2024 and agreed.

## Options Analysis and Evidential Basis

13. Members may agree and sign off this Youth Justice Service Plan, or request amendments. The plan has been submitted to the Youth Justice Board as required in July 2024, with approval from the Chair of the Youth Justice Service Management Board.

## Organisational Impact and Implications

14. *[The following **implications sub-headings must be included**, with comments from relevant Service Areas. Decision Report authors are advised to work with relevant contacts at an early stage to allow appropriate input into the report.*
  - **Financial**, contact: Chief Finance Officer.  
**Richard Hartle:** All of the activity proposed within this report and the Youth Justice Plan will be funded from the existing York Youth Justice Revenue Budget.
  - **Human Resources (HR)**, contact: Directorate HR Manager and Chief Officer HR and Support Services  
**Claire Wains/Lisa Pannitt:** This plan has been submitted to HR for approval. There are no identified human resources/staffing implications for the year 2024-2025
  - **Legal**, contact: Head of Legal Services.  
**Frances Harrison:** The Council has a duty, after consultation with the relevant persons and bodies, to formulate, implement, and publish a youth justice plan setting out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded. The plan must be approved by full council. The proposed plan is compliant with the legislation and relevant statutory guidance.

- **Procurement**, contact: Head of Procurement.
- **Health and Wellbeing**, contact: [enquiries.publichealth@york.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.publichealth@york.gov.uk)
- **Environment and Climate action**, contact: Director of Transport, Environment and Planning, and Head of Carbon Reduction.
- **Affordability**, contact: Director of Customer and Communities.
- **Equalities and Human Rights**, contact: Assistant Director of Customer, Communities and Inclusion - every Decision Report must consider whether to have an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) and this section will include the key recommendations from the EIA or explain why no EIA is required.
- **Data Protection and Privacy**, contact: [information.governance@york.gov.uk](mailto:information.governance@york.gov.uk) - every report must consider whether to have a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) and this section will include the compliance requirements from the DPIA or explain why no DPIA is required.  
**James Bailey:** As there is no personal data, special categories of personal data or criminal offence data being processed, there is no requirement to complete a data protection impact assessment (DPIA). This is evidenced by completion of DPIA screening questions AD-08844
- **Communications**, contact: Assistant Director Policy and Strategy
- **Economy**, contact: Head of City Development.

## Risks and Mitigations

15. There are no immediate risks identified.

## Wards Impacted

16. All wards as the Youth Justice Service is city wide.

## Contact details

For further information please contact the authors of this Decision Report.

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## Background papers

**All** relevant background papers must be listed.

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## Annexes

**All** annexes to the Decision Report must be listed.

- Background paper:
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Any paper which is supplementary to the main report, and intended to be read with it, should be referred to in the report as an 'Annex ?'.

Each annex must be given a number or a letter, for example, 'Annex A', and be marked accordingly on the first page; also state which pages, if any, are 'exempt'.

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- Annex A: Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Annex B: Data Protection Impact Assessment DPIA)