

REPORT OF Cabinet 01/2023/24

FULL COUNCIL 20 November 2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report arises from the Cabinet meeting held on the 7 November 2023 and asks Full Council to consider the following:

- Adoption of the Annual Youth Justice Plan.

2. Annual Youth Justice Plan 2023-2024

- 2.1 The Council and partners are working to prevent young people from entering the youth justice system, and to support those who have to be rehabilitated is vital, complex, and detailed work.
- 2.2 The local authority leads working with a range of partners to support young people who are at risk of entering the system or who are going through it.
- 2.3 The Youth Offending Service is a statutory regulated service, and the Local Authority is required to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan. This plan is a statutory requirement and securing the endorsement of Cabinet is an important part of the process, giving this overarching strategic document the attention and priority within council and partnership activities.
- 2.4 The local authority had a statutory duty to consult with partners to develop and implement this annual Youth Justice Plan. As a statutory regulated service His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) inspects youth offending services. The plan set out how youth justice services are to be provided and funded, and how the Youth Justice Service will run. As a strategic document, the plan covered and linked to several associated partnership strategies, which were set out in the report, including the Young People at Risk Strategy 2019-2029, Community Safety Strategy 2019-2023, and Haringey's Corporate Delivery Plan. To ensure delivery of the aims and objectives, there is a more detailed operational delivery plan, with progress being reported to the Haringey Youth Justice Strategic Partnership Board.

We discussed the following:

- The police had an instrumental role in developing the plan and were committed to working with young people in a positive way.

- The Detective Superintendent for the Metropolitan Police was the vice chair on the Youth Justice Strategic Management Board, an overarching strategic body. The police lead a key part of the attached action plan which was detailed within the appendix 2 with actions allocated to the police's leads as well as other partners such as the probation service.
- The primary focus of the Council and partners was on the 'child first' approach and then dealing with the issues of offending. The police had been committed to this approach and were working with the Council and partners to ensure that young people did not enter the youth justice system but if they did that, it was managed as effectively as possible.
- Within the service, there was an operational delivery plan that had a clear section on the work that the Council were doing on disproportionality. This contained information on the work that the Council had commissioned to support predominantly young black males because they tended to make up over half of the cohort within the Youth Justice Service. There were also details on the training taken forward in the Council workforce in order to understand disproportionality, identify it, and then provide interventions in response to help reduce this going forward.

2.5 In accordance with Part four Section E paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Constitution, we noted that the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel had no changes to the annual Youth Justice Plan.

3. WE RECOMMEND

Council adopts the Annual Youth Justice Plan 2023-2024 attached at appendix 2.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report on Annual Youth Justice Plan

Appendix 2 Annual Youth Justice Plan.