

Executive Advisory Board The Executive		On 28 June 2006 On 4 July 2006
Report Title: Youth Justice Plan 2006 - 2007		
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Report of: David Hennings, Assistant Chief executive (Strategy)		
Wards(s) affected: All	Report for: Key	
1. Purpose		
1.1 To approve the Haringey Youth Justice Plan 2006 – 2007 and note Actions contained in Action Plan		
2. Introduction by Executive Member – Councillor Nilgun Canver		
2.1 The Youth Justice Plan is a statutory requirement and sets out the performance of the YOS and partners for the previous year, and the targets and priorities for 2006/07. This Plan is being submitted slightly later than usual due to the preparation for the recent YOS Inspection. While some good work has been achieved over the past year (e.g. reduction in overall numbers of youth crime), there are some further challenges ahead (e.g. tackling the levels of seriousness of youth offending). The YOS provides services that benefit residents across the Borough, and in particular young people from the more deprived areas and those from diverse community backgrounds.		
3. Recommendations		
3.1 To approve the Haringey Annual Youth Justice Plan 2006-2007		
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4. Executive Summary

4.1 The Haringey Youth Justice Plan should have been submitted to the Youth Justice Board at the end of April 2006. However, due to the YOS Inspection taking pace at that time the submission date was moved to 16th June. As the YOS has recently undergone an inspection, the Haringey Youth Justice Plan 2006 – 2007 contains many of the areas for improvement identified in the self assessment. The first draft of the Inspection Report will be available by the 17th July and will be published on the 13th September. The YOS will then have to produce an Action Plan by the 13th December. The Inspection Report may indicate other areas which will be incorporated into the Action Plan at a later date. Particular priorities with regard to practice within the YOS relate to assessment and management of risk of harm and work to reduce levels of risk; reviews of current EPQA action plans, completion of new EPQA audits, compliance audit and victim gap analysis; monitoring and evaluation of various groups, including the equalities group. The most challenging targets relate to reducing the use of custody, supporting young people engaging in education, training or employment, supporting access to mental health services and supporting parenting interventions – many of these are dependant on recruiting to vacant posts which is taking place at the beginning of June.

5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

5.1 None

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6.1 None

6.2 None

7. Background

7.1 The Haringey YOS is required to produce a Youth Justice Annual Plan under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the template for this is issued by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) each year. A separate Action Plan details the actions to be taken over the next year in order to achieve the Key Performance Indicators set by the Youth Justice Board. References are included to the YOS Inspection Self Assessment and Effective Practice Quality Assurance audits and Action Plans.

8. Description

8.1 The Annual Youth Justice Plan looks at the local environment and specific drivers for performance – governance and leadership, performance and quality systems, resources, people and organisation and partnership working. The Delivery Plan section both reviews work undertaken in the past year and identifies aims for 2006-2007 in relation to all the performance measures defined by the YJB. The final section of the Plan contains a review of the performance measures. A separate Action Plan details the specific actions to be undertaken this year.

9. Consultation

9.1 The Youth Justice Annual Plan has been presented to the YOS Partnership Board where a full discussion took place with partner agencies who contribute to the achievement of the Action Plan.

10. Financial Implications

10.1 Financial details are included in the Plan, pages 8, 9 and 10.

11. Summary and Conclusions

11.1 The actions defined in the YJ Action Plan will be reviewed at set intervals to ensure that they are being achieved within the defined timescales. The actions are in line with those identified in the YOS Inspection self assessment.

12. Recommendations

12.1 To approve the Haringey Youth Justice Plan 2006 - 2007

13. Comments of the Director of Finance

13.1 All funding for the financial year 2006/07 as identified in the Youth Justice Plan has been confirmed.

14. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

14.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on this report, and makes the following comments.

14.2 As part of the package used to tackle youth offending within the Borough, the Council is under a statutory duty (section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998) to produce a youth justice plan. As part of that process, the Council is also required to consult with "relevant persons and bodies", which the legislation defines as being the police, probation committee or health authority.

14.3 The plan is required to set out how:

- youth justice services in the Borough is to be provided and funded
- the Council's YOS is composed and funded
- the YOS intends to operate and what functions it proposes to carry out

14.4 The Head of Legal Services advises that the action plan attached to this report meets the requirements set out above.

15. Equalities Implications

15.1 Diversity is included in the Annual Plan and Action Plan as there is a specific KPI set by the Youth Justice Board in relation to this area of work.

16. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

16.1 Haringey YOS Action Plan