

Subject:	Brighton and Hove Youth Justice Strategy 2014 - 2016		
Date of Meeting:	2 June 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director of Children's Services		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Youth Justice Strategy for Brighton and Hove 2014-2016
- 1.2 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 there is a requirement for the multi-agency Youth Offending Management Group to produce a local Youth Justice Strategy setting out how Youth Offending Services (YOS) will be resourced and provided

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the Youth Justice Strategy for Brighton and Hove 2014-16

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on local authorities acting with statutory partner agencies to establish a Youth Offending Service (YOS). The statutory function of the YOS is to co-ordinate the provision of youth justice services. The Act also sets out responsibilities in relation to the production of a Youth Justice Strategy setting out how youth justice services are to be provided, how the YOS will operate and which functions it will carry out.
- 3.2 The proposed Youth Justice Strategy is compliant with guidance issued by the national Youth Justice Board and includes:
 - Purpose, priorities and values
 - Structure and Governance of the Youth Offending Service
 - Resourcing and Value for Money
 - Partnership arrangements
 - Risks to future delivery
 - Key priorities

- 3.3 The key priorities developed and agreed by the YOS Management Group are:
- Preventing youth crime and reducing offending
 - Reducing Reoffending
 - Keeping the number of children and young people in custody to a minimum
 - To effectively manage risk of harm for victims and harm caused by perpetrators
 - To reduce the number of looked after children within the criminal justice system and support those within the system away from offending behaviours
- 3.4 The Strategy will also be taken to the city's Safe in the City Partnership Board for discussion and agreement and must be submitted to the Youth Justice Board by the 8th July 2014.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Publication of the strategy is a statutory requirement.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Direct community engagement and consultation has not been a part of the development of this strategy. However the operational Business Plans which underpin the strategy do ensure the involvement and participation of young people in the design and delivery of services and include specific community orientated initiatives such as Restorative Justice.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to approve the strategy as part of discharging the council's statutory responsibilities.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The financial information detailed within Section 4 of the body of the attached supplementary report accurately reflects the current budgetary position of the YOS. The risk attached to any reduction in anticipated funding from the PCC and the Probation service would need to be managed, with Finance support, within the service with economies made and service delivery assessed/re-designed accordingly

Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis

Date: 02/05/14

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on local authorities acting with statutory partner agencies to establish a Youth Offending Service. The strategy meets the requirements under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce a local Youth Justice Strategy setting out how Youth Offending

Services will be resourced and provided. The strategy must be published, and refer to the key requirements referred to in the body of the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 15.05.14

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The strategy explicitly addresses equalities implications under Purpose, Priorities and Values (page 9) and as one of the cross-cutting themes identified (page 35) which will be monitored by the Management Board.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 7.5 The Youth Justice Strategy is one of the key multi-agency strategies addressing crime and disorder in the city.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 7.6 Section 6 of the Strategy addresses risk to future delivery and Section 7 sets out the priorities, and opportunities the service will address.

Public Health Implications:

- 7.7 Public Health are members of the Youth Offending Service Management group and have been fully involved in producing the strategy.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.8 The strategy will also be taken to the Safe in the City Partnership Board as part of ensuring a consistent corporate and city wide approach.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Confirm if strategy to be attached and/or placed in Members room
- 2.

Documents in Members' Rooms

- 1.
- 2.

Background Documents