

TO: EXECUTIVE
15 OCTOBER 2013

**BRACKNELL FOREST YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE
YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 - 16
Director of Children, Young People and Learning**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 This report requests the approval by the Executive of the Bracknell Forest Youth Offending Service (YOS) Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2013 -16. In accordance with statutory youth justice planning requirements the Plan will then be submitted to the England and Wales Youth Justice Board for detailed validation and approval.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2013 - 16 (Annex 1) for the Bracknell Forest Youth Offending Service is recommended to Council and approved for submission to the England and Wales Youth Justice Board (YJB).**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is a constitutional requirement of the Council that they consider and approve the Youth Justice Plan for Bracknell Forest completed by the Youth Offending Service.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Youth Justice Strategic Plan is a statutory plan. Consultation has taken place with the YOS Performance Management Group, the Community Safety Partnership, the Management Team of the Children, Young People and Learning department and the Corporate Management Team, who fully support the plan.

Local Performance

- 5.1 The main national indicators of performance are the levels of recidivism, first time entrants to the Youth Justice System and custodial sentencing. Annex 1, the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2013 – 16 contains details of the YOS performance in relation to the national indicators which is positive overall. The number of offences committed by children and young people in Bracknell Forest (July 2010 – June 2011 Cohort) shows a reduction from the same period in 2009 - 10. In all 3 areas, Bracknell Forest performance exceeded national and local targets and was better than the national average.
- 5.2 The YOS is scrutinised by the YOS Performance Management Group, which acts as the YOS Management Board, with regard to meeting the above national indicators

and the local targets set in the Community Safety Partnership Plan and the Children and Young People's Plan. The Head of the YOS is a member of the Children's and Young People's Partnership and is a statutory member of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Funding

- 5.3 The work of the Youth Offending Service is funded by a mix of contributions from the partner agencies represented on the Youth Offending Service Management Board and by grant funding from the Youth Justice Board (YJB). The actions set out in the Plan are based on the agreed level of funding from partner agencies and designated level of the grant.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions are set out within the main body of the report and particularly in the introduction to the plan.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that sufficient funds exist for the plan to be delivered in 2013-14. Sustaining the current service delivery into future years will be dependent of existing levels of resource being maintained, for which decisions have yet to be taken

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The Plan has been reviewed in accordance with the Council's procedure for Equality Impact Assessment.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 All risks to future service delivery are set out in the Youth Justice Strategic Plan.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 All members of the YOS staff team, the YOS Performance Management Group, the Community Safety Partnership, the Management Team of the Children, Young People and Learning department and the Corporate Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of the Plan.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 By written report to the above Board and Partnership meetings.

Representations Received

7.3 None.

Background Papers

Bracknell Forest Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2013 – 16 (Annex 1)

The Youth Justice Planning Framework

For details see the Youth Justice Website at <http://www.yjb.gov.uk/en-gb/>

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