

**To the Mayor and Members of the  
CABINET**

**YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2012/13**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Eric Tatton-Kelly	All	Yes (P0345)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a new statutory Youth Justice Plan (YJP) for 2012-2013 for the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in Doncaster. The YJP is due for review and submission to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) annually.
2. The Plan is in a format required by the YJB and includes sections on resources, value for money, challenges to future provision, structure, governance, partnership arrangements and risks to future service delivery. In relation to these, actions and timescales are set to develop the service and ensure the best service for the children and young people of Doncaster.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

3. This report is not an exempt report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

4. That the Cabinet support the 2012-13 Youth Justice Strategic Plan (attached) being presented to the Council for approval.

**BACKGROUND**

5. This Strategic Plan impacts upon the delivery of youth justice in all wards of Doncaster. It involves expenditure of £2,078,000 in 2012-13 of which £700,000 comes from the Council.
6. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 set the statutory functions for Youth Offending Teams with the principal aim of preventing offending by children and young persons.
7. There is a statutory obligation for agencies and services to be involved in the YOS including police, probation, health, children's social services and education.

8. Section 40 of the 1998 Act sets out the duty of each local authority to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan setting out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded and their functions and composition. Youth offending teams must co-ordinate the provision of youth justice services for all those in the authority’s area that need them and carry out the functions of the youth justice plan.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9. Not applicable.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

10. The Plan will develop the service and ensure the best service for the children and young people of Doncaster.

**IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY OBJECTIVES**

11. The impact of the issues set out in this report for the Council’s priorities is summarised below:

<b>Priority Theme</b>	<b>Mayor’s Top 10 Priorities</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Creating a strong, connected and inclusive economy	Improve Doncaster’s economy Regenerate Doncaster’s Town Centres Give people choice in transport	Effectively tackling offending amongst young people contributes to safer communities including reducing anti social behaviour, and improves quality of life outcomes for children and young people.
Developing stronger communities		
Increasing and improving housing	Increase affordable housing and build Council houses	
Protecting and improving all our children’s lives	Improve services for children and young people Improve education and skills across the Borough	
Improving health and support for independent lives	Ensure people in need of adult social care receive a timely and appropriate service	
Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB)	Reduce crime and end all forms of ASB	

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Creating a cleaner and better environment	Protect the environment from inappropriate development, decay and architectural vandalism	
Internal Transformation (including the Council's Recovery Programme)	Ensure local people get value for money from Council services	

**RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

12. The risk factors are outlined in the Youth Justice Plan itself. The most pertinent risks are in relation to policy change, partnerships and financial contributions to YOS for 2012/13. The plan itself has been written to minimize risk to delivery and links to other strategic plans for Doncaster help to achieve this.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 set the statutory functions for Youth Offending Teams. The relevant provisions dealing with the youth justice system are set out in Part III of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 ("the 1998 Act"). Section 37(1) of the 1998 Act provides that it shall be the principal aim of the youth justice system to prevent offending by children and young persons.
14. Section 38 places a duty on local authorities, acting in co-operation with the agencies listed below to secure that, to such extent as is appropriate for their area, all "youth justice services" are available there. Those agencies are:
- chief officer of police or police authority any part of whose police area lies within the local authority's area
  - the Secretary of State in relation to his functions under sections 2 and 3 of the Offender Management Act 2007
  - every provider of probation services that is required by arrangements under section 3(2) of the Offender Management Act 2007 to carry out the duty under this subsection in relation to the local authority
  - each local probation board, Strategic Health Authority, Local Health Board or Primary Care Trust any part of whose area lies within that area.
15. Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council, after consultation with relevant persons and bodies, to formulate and implement each year a Youth Justice Plan setting out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded.

16. The Youth Rehabilitation Order was created by the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 and came into effect by virtue of regulation on 30 November 2009. As indicated in the body of the report new National Standards are emerging from this statutory framework. These set out the minimum standards requirements for relevant organisations providing youth justice services. The Standards focus upon youth justice in the community, effective governance and planning and performance management.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The Youth Offending Service has an agreed expenditure of £2,078,000 for 2012/13 of which £700,000 comes from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council. The rest of the budget is made up of Youth Justice Board and partner contributions (Police, Probation and Health). Potential reductions in future finances would impact upon future service delivery.

### CONSULTATION

18. All agencies and services that have a statutory responsibility to work with the Youth Offending Service have, through the Youth Offending Service Management Board, been consulted on this plan.
19. This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

Procurement	Crime and Disorder	√
Human Resources	Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers	Environment & Sustainability	
ICT	Capital Programme	

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998

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