

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES  
PANEL**

**The Youth Offending Service Plan 2013 - 14**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Tony Corden	All	Yes (P347)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a new statutory, strategic Youth Offending Service Plan (YOSP) for 2013-2014 for the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in Doncaster where responsibility for the discharge of the Plan lies. The YOSP is due for review and submission to the Board annually.
2. The Plan sets out the Resourcing and value for money, challenges to future provision, structure and governance, partnership arrangements and risks to future delivery for the service. 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 Youth Offending Service Plan for 2013-14 (attached) is presented for the Panel's consideration prior to being presented to Full Council.

**BACKGROUND**

5. This strategic plan impacts upon the delivery of youth justice in all wards of Doncaster. It involves expenditure of £2,200,000 in 2013-14 of which £814,000 comes from the Council.
6. 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. 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
  - Every local probation board, Strategic Health Authority, Local Health Board or Primary Care Trust any part of whose area lies within that area.
7. 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 offending service plan.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8. The Council is statutorily required to prepare, approve and submit (to the Youth Justice Board) a youth offending service plan on an annual basis.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

9. 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**

10. The main impact on the Council’s key objectives re et out below:

<b>Doncaster Priorities</b>	<b>Implications of this initiative</b>
Doncaster’s economy develops and thrives, underpinned by effective education and skills	To improve attendance and achievements of young people in education thereby contributing to the economic opportunities of Doncaster
Children are safe	To remove young people from a criminal environment which helps to maintain their safety and well being
Stronger Families and Stronger communities	To improve standards of personal living including tackling underage

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	drinking and substance misuse. To reduce domestic abuse and work with families and communities for the benefit of the locality.
Modernised and sustainable Adult Social Care Services with increased choice and control	To reduce pressure on adult services by reducing the impacts of transition from Child to adult.
Effective arrangements are in place to deliver a clean, safe and attractive local environment	To reduce offending, re-offending and anti-social behaviour through partnership working
The council is operating effectively, with change embedded and sustained with robust plans in place to operate within future resource allocations	By reducing the numbers entering the criminal justice system this will help to work within future constraints.

## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- The risk factors are outlined in the YOS service plan itself. The most pertinent risks are in relation to policy change, partnerships and financial contributions to YOS for 2013/14. 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

- 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 Offending Service Plan setting out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded.
- 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

- The Youth Offending Service has an agreed expenditure of £2,200,000 for 2013/14 of which £814,000 comes from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council. The rest of the budget is made up of Youth Justice Board and Partner contributions (Police, Probation, PCC and Health). Potential reductions in future finances impact upon effective future service delivery.

## CONSULTATION

15. Key stakeholders have been consulted on the plan. These include the management and staff of the Youth Offending Service, the senior leadership team of the Children and Young People's Service, partner agencies (police, probation and health), and victims of crime.
16. This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

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

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Doncaster Youth Offending Service Strategic Plan 2013/14 (attached);
- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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