

**To the Chair and Members of the  
SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY PANEL**

**THE YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE PLAN 2014 - 2015**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- a) The purpose of this report is to present a new statutory, strategic Youth Offending Service Plan (YOSP) for 2014-2015 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.
- b) 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
- c) This plan builds on the work done in the previous 2 years and prepares the Youth Offending service for transfer into the new Children's Trust. During the financial year the service delivery will again be reviewed to ensure that it is fit for purpose, offering value for money.
- d) This plan only differs slightly from last year's plan. It identifies delivery from the new location of Colonnades. It includes the full introduction of additional work to support the ETE process; the introduction of a new scheme for YOS based police officers to work with in-house Children's Homes as well as supporting private residential provision. Support for the Stronger Families programme has been strengthened by the provision of an Operational Manager to oversee the programme as well as a strengthening of other support offered through key workers and family therapy provision.
- e) It should be noted that the figures supplied for the key performance indicators are at the 9 months stage and will be updated when final figures are available in April. This is to enable the plan to progress at a much earlier stage than in previous years.

## **EXEMPT REPORT**

This report is not an exempt report

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4. That the Youth Offending Service Plan as presented for 2014-15 is accepted

## **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 2014-15 of which approx. £795,000 comes from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

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; and
- every local probation board, Strategic Health Authority, Local Health Board or Primary Care Trust any part of whose area lies within that area.

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**

6. N/A

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

7. 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

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<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 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

9. 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 2014/15. The plan itself has been written to minimise risk to delivery and links to other strategic plans for Doncaster help to achieve this.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10 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

11. The Youth Offending Service has an agreed expenditure of £2,200,000 for 2014/15 of which approx. £795,000 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

12.

Elected Members
Stakeholders (including providers, communities of interest)
Partners (including voluntary and community sector)
Service Users
The public – Victims of crime
DMBC Staff – YOS Senior Management Team, CYPS Management

This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

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

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

13. The Doncaster Youth Offending Service Strategic Plan 2014/15 (attached)  
The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Not attached)

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