

Committee: **Cabinet**

Date: **15 July 2005**

Title: **Youth Justice Plan 2005-2006**

By: **Chief Executive**

Purpose: **To inform the Cabinet of the content of the East Sussex Youth Justice Plan for 2005-06**

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is advised to recommend the County Council to approve the Youth Justice Plan

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The funding for the Youth Offending Team comes from the statutory partners, together with a substantial grant from the Youth Justice Board. The detail is described on page 6, table 27, of the Youth Justice Plan.

1.2 The contributions from the local authority, which represent approximately 48% of the total cost of the service, are funded from the Children's Services Department and are from the base budget.

2. Supporting information

2.1 Under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the County Council is required, in conjunction with Sussex Police, the National Probation Service-Sussex, and the Primary Care Trusts in East Sussex, to prepare an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan has two main purposes:

- a to provide data required by the Youth Justice Board on the level and pattern of youth offending in East Sussex; and
- b to describe the priorities for action in tackling youth crime in East Sussex for 2005-06.

A copy of the Youth Justice Plan Update for 2005-06 has been circulated separately. It has been prepared in accordance with detailed guidance circulated by the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales and was submitted to the Board on 1 July 2005.

2.2 This is the sixth Youth Justice Plan to be prepared. It provides a summary of the work carried out over the past year by the multi-agency East Sussex Youth Offending Team, which took up its responsibilities for dealing with young offenders and young people accused of committing crime in April 2000. These responsibilities include:

- Interventions following Final Warnings
- Reparation Orders and Action Plan Orders
- Referral Orders
- Parenting Orders
- Supervision of Young Offenders in the community and on Detention and Training Orders.

2.3 The Plan for 2005-06 follows a format laid down by the Youth Justice Board but remains similar to previous Youth Justice Plans. The Plan for 2005-06 provides evidence to show that the staff of the Youth Offending Team have continued to work hard over the past year to deliver an efficient and effective service in meeting many of the challenging targets set out in last year's Plan.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

3.1 The Youth Justice Plan notes progress made against the national targets for all Youth Offending Teams in England and Wales and sets the priorities for 2005/06.

3.2 The Plan has to be finally accepted by the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales.

3.3 The Cabinet is recommended to note the achievement of the Team to date and to approve the content of the Plan for the coming year.

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