

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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Youth Justice Plan 2022-24

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 For Council to approve the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2022-24 which sets out the shared ambition and priorities of the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Partnership.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states that it is the duty for each local authority, after consultation with the partner agencies, to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan setting out:
- how youth justice services in the area are provided and funded;
 - how the Youth Justice Partnership is composed and funded, how it operates, and the functions it carries out.
- 2.2 In March 2022 the Youth Justice Board (YJB) provided updated guidance on the required format and contents of Youth Justice Plans. This included a new template that had to be utilised to support and facilitate the YJB oversight and analysis of plans. This is a change to previous requirements reflecting that the data and information contained within the plan is used by the YJB as an intelligence source that supports our oversight function. The standardised template supports consistency of content and structure, accessibility of the information and improves the identification and sharing of best practice.
- 2.3 Annual Youth Justice Plans are an opportunity to review performance and developments over a single year period and plan for the next year. This allows services to be able to respond to any changes that have taken place in the previous year, including new legislation, demographic changes, delivery of key performance indicators, and developments in service delivery. The planning and production of a Youth Justice Plan is beneficial to partnership working and service delivery to ensure the best outcomes for children
- 2.4 The annual Youth Justice Plan considers local and regional priorities including:
- Reducing first time entrants to the youth justice system

- Reducing the use of custody
- Reducing reoffending rates

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 It is proposed that the Full Council endorses the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2022-24 which sets out the shared ambition and priorities of the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Partnership. Priorities have been reviewed and updated, introducing new leads and their role in driving these forward. The Youth Justice Plan sets out the local key priorities as:

- Prevention of Serious Youth Violence (including weapon related offending)
- Community Safety and reduction of exploitation
- Transition to Adulthood process
- Engagement in Education, Employment and Training
- Improve the Emotional and Physical Health of children involved with youth justice

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The submission of a plan that is approved by the YJB is a condition for receipt of the YJB Practice Grant. The North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Strategic Partnership Board provides system-wide leadership so that children are diverted away from the youth justice system wherever possible. In keeping with our North Lincolnshire One Family Approach, we commit to sustaining them in their families, schools, and communities.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 **Statutory:** The Youth Justice Plan 2022-24 specifies how the Youth Justice Partnership will continue to meet its statutory requirements.

5.2 **Financial:** The Youth Justice Plan also refers to the financial envelope associated with the Youth Justice Partnership, including the YJB Practice Grant and partner contributions. The Youth Justice Partnership continues to be provided within existing resources and there are no additional resource implications for the council.

6. **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 **Crime and Disorder; Equalities; Council Plan:** The Youth Justice Plan reviews the progress and successes achieved and how the partnership will continue to deliver improved outcomes for some of the most vulnerable young people with a focus on reducing anti-social behaviour and offending.

7. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 N/A

8. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Key stakeholders were engaged in the development of the Youth Justice Plan 2022/24 and their views were taken into account to shape and influence priority setting.

8.2 The YJB requirement was that the plan be submitted to them by 30 June 2022. A draft plan was presented to the Youth Justice Strategic Partnership Board on 6th May 2022 and the revised plan has been signed off by the board chair.

8.3 The Youth Justice Plan 2022-24 was presented to and supported by Cabinet in September 2022.

8.4 A child and young person friendly version of the plan has been developed.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That Council approve the North Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2022-24 which is a key document in the delivery of youth justice services in the area.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Youth Justice Plan 2022-24