

EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

01/12/22

CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2022/2023

Purpose:

To receive the annual Youth Justice Plan 2022/23.

The Scrutiny Committee Is Asked To:

Review and assess the information contained in Report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice to the Cabinet Member and / or Director prior to the report's consideration by Cabinet.

Reason(s)

Youth Offending Teams (known in Carmarthenshire as the 'Youth Justice Team') were established by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 with the stated intention of reducing the risk of young people offending and re-offending. The Carmarthenshire Youth Justice Team is a statutory, multi-disciplinary partnership that is co-ordinated by the Local Authority.

Governance is conducted locally, by a Management Board made up of key partners, and nationally, by the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, which is part of the Ministry of Justice.

The production of a Youth Justice Plan is a statutory duty of the Local Authority (Part 3; s40) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Therefore, this Plan is approved by the Local Management Board, presented at the Local Authority's Education and Children's Scrutiny Committee and at the Hywel Dda University Health Board. It is formally submitted to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales as a statutory requirement. It is reported to Fair and Safe Communities and submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Cllr. Glynog Davies, Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Youth Justice Plan for 2022/23 was signed off by the Local Management Board before submission to the Youth Justice Board on 30/6/22.

The Youth Justice Plan provides for a 'look back' at 2021/2022; it also requires the setting of priorities and improvement planning for 2022/23.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, the Youth Justice Team has shown great resilience, innovation and creativity in the delivery of services to children, young people and families in the last year. Critical responsibilities such as performing Appropriate Adult duties and attendance at court (including weekend court) have continued throughout the entire period. Indeed, there has been great multi-agency partnership working across criminal justice agencies in Wales to keep business moving through the system. Collaborative practice in Wales needs to be celebrated. Referral Order Panels and Bureau Panels were re-instated on a face-to-face basis as soon as guidance allowed, as were home visits and other key activities.

In the period several achievements were attained, such as the achievement of the Silver Youth Work Quality Mark Award and the renewal of the Bronze Award. The Youth Justice Team also won a Hwb Doeth Award for innovative practice linked to a reparation project.

Youth Justice Team Priorities strategically align with key strategy and policy across Wales and England. There is a strategic requirement to deliver a Child First youth justice system, and the Youth Justice Team must demonstrate how it delivers in accordance with these principles.

The Youth Justice Plan contains a detailed performance report which covers prevention right through to statutory orders. Performance against the Youth Justice Board Key Performance Indicators remained very strong. A great deal of attention is given to constantly improving services delivered and/ or maintaining high standards.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed:



Head of Strategy and Learner Support

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

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**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THERE ARE NONE