

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

29th September 2021

**Report of the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing –
Andrew Jarrett**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected ALL

NEATH PORT TALBOT YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY INTERVENTION DRAFT YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2021-2022

Purpose of the Report

The report presents the background and summary of the content of the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service (YJEIS) draft Annual Youth Justice Plan 2021-2022 (Appendix 1).

The report is seeking Member approval for the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention draft annual Youth Justice Plan 2021-2022 to be commended to Council. After approval the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice & Early Intervention Service Management Board will submit the final version to the Youth Justice Board.

The report was considered by the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 29th July and as a result it has been amended in line with their recommendations.

Executive Summary

Background

Local authorities have a statutory duty to submit an Annual Youth Justice (YJ) Plan relating to their provision of youth justice services. Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the youth offending partnership's responsibilities in producing a plan. It states that it is the duty of each local authority, after consultation with the partner

agencies, to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan, setting out:

- Introduction, vision and strategy;
- Governance, leadership and partnership arrangements;
- Resources and services;
- Performance and priorities;
- Responding to the pandemic and recovery from COVID-19;
- Risks and Challenges; and
- Conclusion

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the local authority resulting from this year's plan.

Integrated Impact Assessment

A first stage impact assessment (Appendix 2) has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016). The first stage impact assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

Valleys Communities Impacts

No impact.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts associated with this report. The production of a youth justice plan is a statutory duty of the local authority under Part 3, Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Risk Management

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Other Impacts

Crime and Disorder Impacts:

The recommendation should have a positive effect on the below Crime and Disorder Impacts:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c) Re-offending the area

This is due to the services supporting achievement of the WG outcome measure of 'promoting personal and community safety'. In particular the WCADA (Adferiad) Women's Outreach Engagement Service, will support women with complex and co-occurring needs, including mental health and substance misuse.

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

The recommendation should have a positive effect on the below Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which —

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

This is because the Thrive WA-SWAN Project relates to the provision of domestic abuse support.

Consultation

There is no requirement for public consultation on the Youth Justice Plan; however, the plan has been circulated to partners through the management board and the community safety partnerships for comment.

Recommendations

Having given due regard to the IIA members are requested to approve the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention Draft Youth Justice Plan 2021-22.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service on behalf of Neath Port Talbot Council to undertake its duties to deliver youth justice services in line with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Implementation of Decision

It is proposed for immediate implementation.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Draft Youth Justice Plan 2021-22.

Appendix 2 - First Stage Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers

None.

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