

CABINET

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ADDENDUM REPORT – YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2010-11

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Les Wicks, Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services

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Summary

This addendum report details the discussion on the Youth Justice Plan 2010-2011 at the Children and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2010 and sets out the recommendation to Cabinet and Full Council.

1. Background

1.1 The Youth Justice Plan 2011-2011 report in the main agenda has been developed following the undertaking of a Capacity and Capability Assessment and discussions and consultations with partner agencies.

2. Children and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.1 The Youth Offending Team (YOT) Manager gave a presentation setting out the context of the plan and the team’s main priorities for the forthcoming year.

2.2 The committee asked whether contingency plans were being considered for any potential national financial proposals and changes to funding and/or legislation.

2.3 Officers responded that recent legislation had actually strengthened the YOT position. The new government seemed keen to move away from the current custodial model towards rehabilitation schemes and there might be the possibility of Local Authorities being given the budget to manage custody of offenders in the future. YOT funding came from a variety of sources and it was a realistic risk that the YOT would be expected to take a share of national cutbacks. The senior

management of the team had already been reorganised and officers were now examining reorganisation possibilities for the next level of staff in the team.

2.4 Members asked that a glossary of terms was added to the document for ease of use.

2.5 The Committee agreed to recommend:

- (a) that a letter is sent by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee recognising the good performance and hard work of the Youth Offending Team;
- (b) to Cabinet and Full Council that the Youth Justice Plan 2010-2011 is adopted.

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