



SaferMK Partnership Information Report

Subject: Youth Justice Plan 2015-16

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To bring the partnerships attention to the Youth Justice Plan for the current year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Youth Justice Plan be noted.

3. Comments from the Scrutiny Management Committee

- 3.1 There are no comments or recommendations to report.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out responsibilities placed upon the Youth Offending Team (YOT) partnership in relation to the production of an annual Youth Justice Plan. It states that it is the statutory duty for each local authority, after consultation with the partner agencies to formulate an annual plan setting out;

- How Youth Justice services in their area are to be provided and funded; and
- How the YOT will be composed and funded, how it will operate, and what functions it will carry out.

5. Implications to SaferMK Partnership

- 5.1 The statutory responsibility for the Youth Justice Plan rests with the local youth offending partnership which in Milton Keynes is now known as the Youth Offending and Strengthening Families Strategic Board (since July 2015).

- 5.2 Many of the agencies represented on Safer MK also sit on that Board and have been involved in the development and sign off of the Youth Justice Plan.
- 5.3 Preventing youth crime and dealing effectively with young people who commit offences will be an important consideration for Safer MK and is reflected in the partnerships strategic objectives.
- 5.4 The Youth Justice Plan can be seen as a companion document to the Safer MK Strategy concentrating on the activity which is being delivered with respect to young people.
- 5.5 Although the Youth Justice Plan has a focus on the YOT it seeks to set this in the context of wider multi-agency work across both community safety and services for children and families.
- 5.6 The attached letter confirms that this year's plan has been approved by the Youth Justice Board.

6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement

- 6.1 The Partnership may be interested to know that the Secretary of State for Justice has recently announced a review of the youth justice system, the first such initiative since the review in 1997/98 which led ultimately to the creation of YOTs and the Youth Justice Board.
- 6.2 The Head of Service for Youth Justice in Milton Keynes was invited to meet with Mr Charlie Taylor who is leading the review on 18/9/15 as part of his orientation and initial scoping.

7. Attachments/Background Papers

- 7.1 Milton Keynes Youth Justice Plan 2015/16 (Annex A)
Letter of Approval from Youth Justice Board (Annex B)