

Youth Justice Plan 2023/24**Report of the Director of Children's Services.****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The Youth Justice Plan is a statutory annual plan that is required under Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It sets out the Youth Offending Partnership's responsibilities in producing this 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.

2. BACKGROUND

The Youth Justice Plan must be submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for England and Wales, and published in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of State.

The Youth Justice Plan is a key document in the Forward Plan.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

The report has been shared with the Youth Justice Partnership Board and relevant cabinet portfolio holders. It will also be circulated to the Safer Stockport Partnership and the Stockport Children's Safeguarding Partnership for comment whilst still in draft.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) for England & Wales require a Youth Justice Plan to be completed under the Terms & Conditions of the YJB Grant. They have received a copy within their prescribed timescales and will confirm in due course whether it meets all the conditions as set out in the T&C guidance.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

Children & Families Scrutiny is requested to endorse and recommend the Youth Justice Plan.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact: Jacqui Belfield-Smith on 0161 474 4744 or by email to jacqui.belfield-smith@stockport.gov.uk