



REPORT OF CABINET

Full Council:

Youth Justice Plan 2024 - 2027

Council have been asked to note and endorse the Youth Justice Plan 2024 - 2027.

Youth Offending Teams were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 with the principal aim being to prevent offending behaviour by children. The Act imposes a duty on each local authority together with its statutory partners, Police, Health and Probation, to ensure Youth Justice Services are available in their area.

The legislation imposes a duty to submit a Youth Justice Plan each year. The Act states that the Youth Justice Plan should set out how youth justice services in Local Authority areas will be provided, funded, the leadership and governance arrangements, and include key information about the Youth Justice Service to ensure a quality and effective provision.

This Plan sets out the strategic direction of Havering's youth justice service, through Havering's vision and priorities, in particular to:

1. Provide Leadership and Governance
2. Reduce Re-offending
3. Address and tackle disproportionality
4. Improve Education Training and Employment (ETE) outcomes for children and young people
5. Reduce Substance Misuse and support preventative education and awareness raising
6. Improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND/SLCN or Mental Health Needs
7. Reduce serious youth violence and exploitation
8. Support Prevention and engaging communities
9. Evidence victim uptake in Restorative Justice process and increase the child's understanding of harm caused
10. Improve practice within the YJS and use learning from inspections and thematic inspections
11. Develop a 'Stable and Able' Workforce
12. Undertake Quality Assurance

The plan will be monitored via the Youth Justice Management Board which sits bi-monthly and is jointly chaired by Tara Geere, Statutory Director of Children's Service and Simon Hutchinson, Superintendent Neighbourhood Policing, East Area BCU.

Accordingly, it is RECOMMENDED:

Council, 4 September 2024

That Council approves and endorses the Youth Justice Plan 2024 - 2027 and associated actions.