

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	Children & Young People Sub-Committee
DATE	10 October 2023
REPORT TITLE:	Youth Justice Plan 23/24 & Youth Safety Delivery Plan
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LEAD MEMBER:	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Maria Gatland Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Ola Kolade Cabinet Member for Community Safety</p>
ORIGIN OF ITEM:	<p style="text-align: center;">The Youth Justice Plan 23/24 forms a part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, and as such it is required that Scrutiny have not less than four weeks to respond to the initial proposals. The Youth Safety Delivery Plan was developed in close collaboration with the Youth Justice Plan which was approved at Cabinet in September 2023; this report has also been provided for context and for any comments or recommendations from the Sub-Committee.</p>
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	<p style="text-align: center;">The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Youth Justice Plan 23/24 & Youth Safety Delivery Plan, with a view to considering whether there are any concerns that should be raised or recommendations that should be made.</p>
PUBLIC/EXEMPT:	Public

1 Youth Justice Plan 23/24

- 1.1. Attached at Appendix 1 is the Youth Justice Plan 23/24 and Cabinet covering report; this forms a part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, and as such it is required that Scrutiny have not less than four weeks to respond to the initial proposals.
- 1.2. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory obligation upon each Local Authority to create a local Youth Justice Team, whose primary aim is to prevent and reduce the offending behaviour of children (aged 10–18-year-olds) alongside key partners. A further obligation is placed upon each local Team to create a yearly Youth Justice Plan setting out strategic and operational objectives for the forthcoming 12 months.
- 1.3. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires each plan to have Council approval and endorsement. Historically this endorsement has been sighted and governed through the local Youth Justice Crime Board, however the Ministry of Justice has reverted to the Act and has requested that given the public nature of this document such plans are approved at Council. Youth justice plans must be signed off by the full council in accordance with Regulation 4 of the 'Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000'
- 1.4. The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee is asked to review the Youth Justice Plan 23/24 with a view to considering whether there are any concerns that should be raised or recommendations that should be made ahead of it being reported to Cabinet and Council.

2 Youth Safety Delivery Plan

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 2 is the Youth Safety Delivery Plan report from Cabinet on the 27th September 2023.
- 2.2 This report outlines the work done in the last 12 months to deliver on the Executive Mayor's commitment to making Croydon's streets safer for young people, the plan for the next three years of action, and the commitments to partnership working with the voluntary sector and community to tackle violence.
- 2.3 The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee is asked to review the Youth Safety Delivery Plan with a view to considering whether there are any concerns that should be raised or recommendations that should be made.

3 APPENDICES

3.1 Youth Justice Plan 23/24

Youth Justice Plan 23/24 Cabinet Covering Report – **Pages 21-26**

Youth Justice Plan 23/24 – **Pages 27-101**

3.2 Youth Safety Delivery Plan

Youth Safety Delivery Plan Cabinet Covering Report – **Pages 103-110**

Appendix A - Youth Safety Delivery Plan – **Pages 111-135**

Appendix B - Equality Analysis Form – **Pages 137-146**

4 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 Reports to Cabinet on 27th September 2023

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