

Council – 15th July 2014

**Recommendation from Joint
Cabinet Members (Children and
Young People) and Policing and
Equalities) - 1st July 2014**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Joint Cabinet Members (Children and Young
People) and (Policing and Equalities) held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 1st July,
2014**

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Ruane (Cabinet Member (Children
and Young People))
(Policing and Councillor Townshend (Cabinet Member
Equalities))

Apologies: Councillor Andrews (Shadow Cabinet Member
(Policing and Equalities)
(Policing Councillor Fletcher (Deputy Cabinet Member
and Equalities)
Member Councillor Lepoidevin (Shadow Cabinet
(Children and Young People)

Other Members Present: Employees (by Directorate):
People: M. Godfrey, G. Kell, A. Parkes
Resources: S. Bennett

Public Business

**3. Youth Justice Plan – Requirement Under the Crime and Disorder Act
1998
Part III 40-(1)**

The Cabinet Members considered a report of the Executive Director,
People, which indicated that Youth Offending Teams were established
under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The functions assigned to the

Youth Offending Service include the duty upon the local authority under the Children Act 1989 to take all reasonable steps to encourage children not to commit offences. The Act imposed a duty on each local Authority, acting in co-operation with statutory partners (Police, Health and probation) to ensure that all youth justice services are available in their area to such an extent as is appropriate.

The Crime and Disorder Act also imposed a duty on each Youth Offending Team to complete and submit a Youth Justice Plan each year. The Plan, which was attached as an appendix to the report, provides an overview of the Coventry Youth Offending Service, achievements against key indicators, plans and targets, and identifies the key strategic actions for the next 12 months.

The Youth Justice Plan has been agreed and signed off by the statutory partners – Police, Health, Probation and the Local Authority, represented by the Deputy Director, Early Intervention and Social Care, People Directorate.

The Cabinet Members congratulated all those involved in the formulation of the Plan and requested that a visit be arranged to enable them to see at first hand the work carried out by the Youth Offending Teams.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) That the City Council be recommended to endorse the Youth Justice Plan, as appended to the report submitted, the Plan then to be submitted to the Parliamentary Library in line with the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998.**

- 2) That the Cabinet Members request that Joint Cabinet Members (Children and Young People) and (Policing and Equalities) Meetings be held on a quarterly basis to receive a report against the following three national indicators, together with any other matters which need to be brought to the Cabinet Members attention:-**
 - i) Reducing the number of young people entering the Youth Justice System as First Time Entrants (FTE)**

 - ii) Reducing re-offending**

 - iii) Reducing the use of Custody for young people**