

<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item 9 Council – 18th October 2022 Recommendation from Cabinet 11th October 2022</p>

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Present:

Cabinet Members:	Councillor G Duggins (Chair) Councillor A S Khan (Deputy Chair) Councillor R Brown Councillor K Caan Councillor M Mutton Councillor K Sandhu Councillor P Seaman Councillor P Hetherton Councillor D Welsh
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Non-Voting Deputy Cabinet Members:	Councillor P Akhtar Councillor G Hayre Councillor S Nazir
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Non-Voting Members:	Opposition Councillor P Male Councillor G Ridley
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Other Non-Voting Members:	Councillor R Lakha Councillor C E Thomas
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Employees (By Service)

Chief Executive	M Reeves (Chief Executive)
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Adult Services and Housing	P Fahy (Director of Adult Services and Housing), S Caren
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Business, Investment and Culture	S Weir
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Children's Services	J Gregg (Director of Children's Services), N Jeffreys, A Whitrick
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Education and Skills	K Nelson (Director of Education and Skills), N Hart, K Mawby, J Moffat
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Finance	B Hastie (Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer)), E Dewar
Law and Governance	O Aremu, L Knight, C Taylor
Streetscene and Regulatory	A Walster (Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Service), D Blackburn, A Chowns

RECOMMENDATION

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

33. Youth Justice Plan 2021/23 Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services, which sought endorsement of the Youth Justice Plan.

Youth Offending Teams (known as Youth Justice Services) were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The functions assigned to the Youth Justice Service included the duty upon the local authority, under the Children Act 1989, to take all reasonable steps to encourage children not to commit offences. The Crime and Disorder Act imposed a duty on each local authority, acting in co-operation with its Statutory Partners (Police, Health and Probation) to ensure that all Youth Justice services are available in the area to such an extent as is appropriate for the area. The key tasks of the service were:

- Management and delivery of community sentences;
- Assessing and delivery of out of court disposal interventions
- Assessing and delivery of diversion support to children at risk of entering the Youth Justice System;
- Management and delivery of secure estate sentences and resettlement;
- Servicing the Youth Court and the Crown Courts (in terms of provision of the court team, Bail and Health Assessments, provision of Pre-Sentence Reports and Stand-down Reports;
- Parenting services and management of Parenting Orders; and
- Victim services.

The Crime and Disorder Act also imposed a duty to complete and submit a Youth Justice Plan each year. The Plan provides an update against the 2021-23 strategy. For the first time this year, the Youth Justice Board (YJB) mandated a template for the plan as part of their grant agreements with Youth Justice Services and thus the plan has been presented in this format.

The plan demonstrated the continued delivery of statutory responsibilities as described in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 part 111 (section 38) and the methods for delivering statutory functions in line with the grant requirement. The plan provided an updated picture on how the vision was being realized, priorities

addressed, and provided a Service analysis and overview. It further outlined: how the Youth Justice Service engage / work collaboratively with children, families, and victims of crime; governance arrangements; partnership resourcing into the Service; performance against key priorities; current challenges and risks; the emerging evidence base of best practice; and, how the Service would continue to build on the developmental activities across the city in 2022/23.

RESOLVED that, the Cabinet recommend that the Council endorse the Coventry's Youth Justice Strategy and Plan 2021-23 (Update 2022).