

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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| Date of meeting: | 16 July 2025 |
| Title of Report: | Youth Justice Service Annual Report |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications) |
| Lead Strategic Director: | David Haley (Director of Children's Services) |
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| Your Reference: | Click here to enter text. |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Scrutiny Board to enable them to scrutinise and provide challenge to the Youth Justice Service.

Recommendations and Reasons

This report is to provide information to Scrutiny Board on the Plymouth Youth Justice Annual Plan

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report directly links to The Plymouth Plan 2014-2034 'to create the conditions where children, young people and families can thrive, assisting them to build resilience through the early development of good physical and emotional health and by equipping young people and parents with the skills to improve their wellbeing'.

A Bright Future 2021-2026 states that 'As partners, we want to make sure all children and young people in Plymouth have a Bright Future, supported by a system which works seamlessly to spot difficulties early, responds quickly and effectively, and makes sure that help is there for as long as it is needed'.

The Youth Justice Plan 2025 vision is to 'To develop a youth justice system in Plymouth that sees children as children, treats them fairly and helps them to build on their strengths so they can make a constructive contribution to society. Diverting Children early will prevent offending and create safer communities with fewer victims in the city.'

Implications for the Medium-Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There is no financial implication

None

None

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

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| Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Martine Aquilina (Head of Service) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date agreed: 08/07/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Laing approved verbally | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date approved: 08/07/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |