

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**Subject:** Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework 2010-11  
**Committee:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 18 January 2011  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Mrs Watkins  
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**Key Decision:** No  
**Part:** Part 1

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### **Executive Summary:**

Each Youth Offending Service (YOS) is required to submit an annual plan to the national Youth Justice Board laying out its strategic plans for preventing offending and reducing reoffending across its area of operation. This is the Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework (YJPIF) for Plymouth's YOS for 2010/11 completed using the standard template provided by the Youth Justice Board.

This report is Part 2: Capacity and Capability (C&C) Self-Assessment and sets out performance commentary regarding National Indicators and the C&C of 9 outcome areas, which are;

1. Assessment, planning, interventions and supervision (APIS)
2. Resourcing and workforce development
3. Access to universal and specialist services
4. Reductions in first time entrants to the Youth Justice System
5. Reducing reoffending
6. Use of custody
7. Risk of serious harm
8. Safeguarding
9. Victim and public confidence

The YJPIF has also been through a process of validation by the Youth Justice Board and are awaiting outcome.

Part 1 of this document has been incorporated into the strategic Children & Young People's Plan and will be updated in line with those timescales.

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**Corporate Plan 2010-2013 as amended by the four new priorities for the City and Council:**

The Local Strategic Partnership has set out its approach to Plymouth which is themed into Healthy, Wealthy, Safe, Strong and Wise. The Local Area Agreement (LAA) work of the YOS is led by the partnership within the Safe Strong theme group which incorporates the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Effective local partnership working has ensured that strategic objectives linked to youth crime reduction are incorporated as indicators in the LAA and the Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2011. The following key performance indicators are contained within the LAA:

NI 19: Rate of proven reoffending by young people who offend

NI 45: Engagement by young people who offend in suitable education, training and employment

NI 46: Access by young people who offend to suitable accommodation (adopted as a local target)

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**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:  
Including finance, human, IT and land**

PCC as one of the key partner agencies of the Youth Offending Service continues to allocate resources to support the level of expenditure agreed by the YOS Board. Overall for 2010/11, expenditure for staff and other costs is budgeted broadly in line with previous arrangements. However the YOS has had to make in year savings as part of PCC requirements to balance budgets. This has been achieved through efficiency savings and carrying of vacancies.

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**Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**

The YOS's remit is to prevent offending and reduce reoffending by partnership working with other key agencies e.g. social care, education, police, health and the probation service. The YOS contributes to key groups within the city, including the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), Anti Social Behaviour Unit and has also established close links with the local Race Equality Council. The plan considers national issues of disproportionality between ethnic groups and gender.

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**Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

This plan was approved by Cabinet 8 June 2010 for consultation with all stakeholders. No further amendments were made following this process. The plan was submitted to Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel on 11 November 2010 where the plan was noted.

Recommendation that the Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework Part 2 Capacity and Capability 2010/11 be adopted.

**Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

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**Background papers:**

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**Sign off:**

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