

MINUTE EXTRACT

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

25 September 2023

WIRRAL YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE ANNUAL PLAN

The Youth Offending Service Manager introduced the report of the Director of Children, Families and Education. The report provided the Committee with an introduction to the Wirral Youth Justice Service, YJS, Strategic Plan 2023-2024. The Youth Justice Board, YJB, was a non-departmental public body for overseeing the youth justice system in England and Wales. The preparation and submission of an 'Annual Plan' was linked to the terms and conditions of the Youth Justice Board grant award, this award contributed to the funding of youth offending teams and services across England and Wales.

The Chair requested that the Terms of Reference for the Youth Justice Board be shared with the committee so members may consider joining. Officers explained that it is national practice to show the reoffending rates of two years prior. The Chair requested further information to be provided externally regarding the breakdown of reoffending figures. The Chair expressed gratitude to the officers regarding the depth of the work around the bespoke sessions with young offenders. The scheme won the award for inclusion, following its pilot in Wirral, it is now being adopted in other areas.

Resolved – That

- 1. the Wirral Youth Justice Service's Strategic Plan 2023-2024 be endorsed and Council be recommended to approve the plan.**
- 2. the approach and ongoing work within the Youth Justice Service and across the Youth Justice Management Board (YJMB) be noted.**