

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Improving Lives Select Commission – 06 December 2022

Report Title

Rotherham Youth Justice Service Plan 2022-23

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

To update the Improving Lives Select Commission on the Youth Justice Service Plan 2022-23 Action Plan, Youth Justice Board Peer Review and Youth Justice Inspection Improvement Plan

This report provides a summary of progress made by Rotherham Youth Justice Service against,

- The action plan submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) in January 2021 following the HMIP Inspection in September 2020.
- Progress against the 'areas for consideration,' from the Youth Justice Board (YJB) Sector Led Improvement Peer Review, undertaken in March 2022.
- An update on the actions within the Youth Justice Service Plan 2022-23 Action Plan.

Recommendations

1. That the Improving Lives Select Commission note the contents of the report and the accompanying action plans.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1: Rotherham Youth Justice Service Action Plan 2022-23
Appendix 2: Youth Justice Service Inspection Action Plan
Appendix 3: Youth Justice Service Peer Review Improvement Plan

Appendix 4: Rotherham Youth Justice Service Plan 22-23
Appendix 5: Rotherham Youth Justice Service Plan 22-23 – YP Version

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Rotherham Youth Justice Service Plan 2022-23

1. Background

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2. Key Issues

2.1 Rotherham Youth Justice Service Plan 2022-23

2.1.1 Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the Youth Offending partnership's responsibilities in producing a plan. It states that it is the duty of each local authority, after consultation with partner agencies, to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan, setting out:

- How youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded
- How the youth offending team (YOT) or equivalent service will be composed and funded
- How it will operate
- What functions it will carry out

2.1.2 The Rotherham Youth Justice Plan 2022-23 is a one-year statutory plan. It is a requirement of the Youth Justice Grant and follows a prescribed format. It was submitted to the Youth Justice Board on the 25th of July 2022. It follows the previous Youth Justice plan in adopting a child first principle.

2.1.3 The plan aligns with key local partnership strategies including the Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) Plan, Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) plan and the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan in seeking to achieve the same overarching outcomes as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities.

2.1.4 The plan has a coproduced vision for the Rotherham Youth Justice Partnership, which is:

- To work together to prevent young people entering the youth justice system and to empower and support young people to achieve their aspirations.

2.1.5 The priorities within the plan were developed over two Youth Justice Partnership Board away days and are captured across five themes,

- Voice of the Child & Family
- Early Intervention & Prevention
- Education, Training & Employment
- Health & Wellbeing
- Quality of Practice

2.2 Progress against the Youth Justice Plan 2022-23

2.2.1 The action plan contains 34 actions (which include the 13 'areas for consideration' from the YJB Peer Review). A summary is provided below.

Action may exceed original target date	2
Action progressing and on track	12
Action completed	12
Action planned but not started	8

2.3 Youth Justice Board Peer Review

2.3.1 Rotherham Youth Justice Service Peer Review took place over 3 days (29th – 31st March 2022).

2.3.2 Four Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs) were established prior to the review:

- Whether the partnership understands the needs of the Youth Offending Team (YOT) cohort and its role in setting the priorities for the YOT
- The role of the partnership in relation to risk management of justice involved children
- Looked after children and the disproportionate numbers in the YOT cohort
- Early help partnership working and the impact this has locally on first time entrants.

2.3.3 The review identified areas of 'strengths' and areas for 'consideration.' The Youth Justice Partnership Board welcomed the review findings and agreed an improvement plan containing 13 actions, which are being tracked through the Youth Justice Partnership Board and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough (RMBC) Audit Committee. A summary is provided below.

Action may exceed original target date	1
Action progressing and on track	2
Action completed	7
Action planned but not started	3

2.4 HMIP Youth Justice Inspection Report September 2020

- 2.4.1 Rotherham Youth Justice Service were inspected by HMIP in September 2020 under the Small YOT (Youth Offending Team) inspection framework. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the inspection was conducted remotely. The Inspection report was published on 17th December 2020. The Overall judgement was Requires Improvement and HMIP report made five recommendations:
- 2.4.2 An Inspection Action Plan was produced and submitted to HMIP in January 2021. The Improvement Plan contained 46 actions to address the areas requiring improvement which included actions across the wider youth justice partnership.
- 2.4.3 At the Youth Justice Partnership Board on the 12th of January 2022, all 46 actions were signed off as completed by the Children & Young People's Services (CYPS) Evidence Challenge Panel and the Rotherham Youth Justice Partnership Board (RYJPB), one year and a day from when the Partnership Board submitted the Inspection Action Plan to the Youth Justice Board (YJB).

Action may exceed original target date	0
Action progressing and on track	0
Action completed	46
Action planned but not started	0

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 That the Safer Rotherham Partnership note the contents of the report and the accompanying action plans.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 N/A.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 N/A.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 N/A.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 N/A

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 N/A.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 N/A.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 N/A.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 N/A.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 N/A.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 N/A.

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ⁱ The Rotherham Youth Justice Partnership Board approved the name change from Youth Offending Team (YOT) to Youth Justice Service (YJS) on the 6th April 2022