



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4TH DECEMBER 2012

**SUBJECT: THE BLAENAU GWENT & CAERPHILLY YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE
YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2012 - 2014**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Elected Members of the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2012 - 2014.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 There is a legal requirement for the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service to produce a Youth Justice Plan. The plan was agreed on the 19th September 2012 at the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service's Local Management Board.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 All Wales Youth Offending Strategy.
- 3.2 Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011- 2014.
- 3.3 Blaenau Gwent Community Safety Plan 2011 - 2014.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Section 40 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act sets out responsibilities in relation to the production of an annual youth justice plan. It states that it is the duty of each local authority, after consultation with the partner agencies, to formulate and implement for each year a youth justice plan setting out:

- How youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded.
- How the YOS will be composed and funded, how it will operate, and what functions it will carry out.

The youth justice plan must be submitted to the Youth Justice Board and published in accordance with directions of the Secretary of State.

- 4.2 The Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Justice Plan 2012 - 2014 is an 18 month plan with a review and resubmission date of April 2013. The plan is performance focused with full consultation with the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service staffing group underpinning its creation.

- 4.3 The plan concentrates on strengths and areas for improvement over the six Youth Justice Board key performance indicators, safeguarding, public protection and restorative justice. The plan has 24 priority actions, which provide a baseline for the YOS to continue its development over the next 18 months.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The report is for information purposes so the council's equalities process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service's financial arrangements are contained with the plan.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The views of those consulted have been incorporated into the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 For elected members to note the content of the report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That elected members are appraised of the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2012 - 2014.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 - Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2012 - 2014