



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014

**SUBJECT: THE BLAENAU GWENT & CAERPHILLY YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE
(YOS) YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2014 - 2016**

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 2014 – 2016.

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 3rd July 2014 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 theme within the "Caerphilly Delivers" Single Integrated Plan 2013-2017
- 3.3 Fair and Safe Theme within the "Making a Difference", Blaenau Gwent's Single Integrated Plan 2013-2017

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 YJB and published in accordance with directions of the Secretary of State.

- 4.2 The Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Justice Plan 2014- 2016 is a 2 year plan with a review and resubmission date of July 2015. 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 35 priority actions, which provide a baseline for the YOS to continue its development over the next 24 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 For Elected Members to be kept informed of the Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2014 - 2016.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998.
11.2 The Legal Aid, Sentencing & Punishment of Offenders Act 2012

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2014 - 2016