



SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: BLAENAU GWENT & CAERPHILLY YOUTH OFFENDING
SERVICE: YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2021 – 2023**

REPORT BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present Scrutiny Committee with the 2021-2023 Youth Justice Plan for the joint Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly Youth Offending Service (YOS).

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Production of a Youth Justice Plan is a statutory requirement under Section 40 (4) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

2.2 Youth Justice Plans are produced and submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) for England and Wales, which monitors the operation of Youth Justice Services, a responsibility that is not devolved to the Welsh Government.

2.3 The Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly Youth Justice Plan, attached at Appendix 1, has been produced in full consultation with all statutory partners and is being presented to Scrutiny Committee in both Local Authorities for information purposes only.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the content of the Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly Youth Justice Plan for 2021 – 2023.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure Scrutiny Committee is aware of the work of the YOS and that the Service is fully compliant with statutory requirements.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly YOS is hosted and managed by Caerphilly County Borough Council and the YOS Manager is jointly supervised by the Heads of Children's Services in both Local Authorities.

5.2 The attached Youth Justice Plan provides a review of the previous Plan for the 2018-2021 period including an overview of performance of the YOS against national performance indicators and the working arrangements employed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Plan then identifies areas for future development in order to meet statutory requirements going forward.

5.3 The Youth Justice Plan is a very detailed document and although it is presented for information only, if Scrutiny Committee Members have any particular issues, these can be raised directly with the Head of Children's Services.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions made or presumed in this report.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's full Integrated Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no direct funding implications for the Council arising from this report.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no personnel or HR implications arising from this report.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 The report is for information purposes and reflects the views of consultees.

11. **STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 Social Services & Well Being (Wales) Act 2014

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Attachments:

Appendix 1: Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly Youth Offending Service – Youth Justice Plan for 2021/21
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