

## **Youth Justice Plan – Report of the Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board**

**Report to Cabinet on 14 June 2022**

### **Background**

1. The Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board met on 14 June 2022 to consider the Youth Justice Plan. Members noted the background to the development of the Youth Justice Plan, which was a joint Statutory Plan working with the Youth Justice Team, Police, Probation, Health and Education. The Plan focussed on a ‘child first’ and trauma recovery model and set out how the Youth Justice Services were provided, operated and funded and how this would result in lower levels of youth offending. The Plan also set out the challenges, risks and issues faced by the Service. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Councillor Law, the Director of Children’s Services Nancy Meehan and Jon Ralph, Service Manager, Youth Offending Team, responded to the following points:
  - What do the different strategies mean and what action was taken to reduce court action or custodial sentences e.g. prevention, out of court disposal etc.
  - What was the Youth Offending Team Family.
  - Page 10 set out the strategic priorities for improvement what was the timescale for implementation of the proposals and how would they be monitored.
  - The Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) post had been vacant for over 18 months, what action was being taken to escalate this.
  - In November 2021, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services in Torbay identified significant areas of weakness however the Youth Justice Service was recognised as having an area of good practice using it’s Speech and Language Therapist to assess children’s communication skills before an intervention programme was implemented (they had achieved the Youth Justice SEND Quality Mark as a result) how had this been considered in the response to the Inspection.
  - What action was being taken to identify good quality suitable community areas to deliver youth services and youth work within Torbay.
  - What does DAY training stand for.
  - Could the £80,000 underspend be used to work with community businesses and groups to help with prevention.

- It was a joint responsibility to identify new funding opportunities, what more could be done to work with and join up with community partners to help support young people in Torbay.
- What were the key performance indicators for the Service and were they the right ones to effectively monitor performance.
- What does the voice of the young person look like.

2. The Board resolved (unanimously):

1. that the Cabinet be recommended that the Children and Young People's Board endorses the Youth Justice Plan and welcomes the partnership working and encourages greater joined up working with community partners to help support and enrich the lives of our young people and reduce the likelihood of them offending; and
2. that the Board notes the challenges, risk and issues identified in paragraph 10 of the submitted report and wishes to see them addressed and requests an update on the actions to be considered at a future meeting, including how the voice of the young person has been taken into account.