

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee - 19 July 2023

Subject: Youth Justice Business Plan 2023/24: Preventing and Diverting Children and Young People from the Criminal Justice System

Report of: Strategic Director, Children and Education Services

Summary

It is a statutory requirement to produce a Youth Justice Plan which sets out the priorities and arrangements for the local delivery of services. The Plan for 2023/24 is attached as an annexe to this report and outlines in detail the vision, priorities, performance, and impact being achieved.

An accompanying presentation is a summary of the detailed plan and will be presented at children and young people’s scrutiny committee.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:-

- (1) Consider the progress and achievements in diverting young people away from the criminal justice system.
 - (2) Consider the priorities, targets, ambitions, and challenges to be achieved by the Business Plan for 23/24.
 - (3) Recognise the creativity, innovation and evidence based approach that is enabling Manchester to influence and inform national policy.
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Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments
The YJ Business Plan will ensure that the directorate delivers inclusive services that meet the needs of our diverse communities, which will be achieved via the equality and inclusion action plan and monitored by the YJ management Board.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Effective services are critical to ensuring the most vulnerable citizens can connect and support the drive towards a thriving and sustainable city
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Ensuring the most vulnerable in our society are given the opportunity to access and achieve in the City is supported by the delivery of a strong and cohesive partnership
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Improving education, social care services and youth justice services that are connected to the wider partnership; build the resilience of children and families needed to achieve their potential and be integrated into their communities.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Improving outcomes for children and families across the city helps build and develop communities.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Services support young people to be successful who are then able to deliver continuing growth in the city

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