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## **WEST MERCIA YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2013-14**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Youth Justice Plan sets out how youth justice services across West Mercia are structured and identifies key actions to address identified risks to service delivery and improvement.
- 1.2 The Youth Justice Plan is endorsed by the Council annually.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Youth Justice Plan as attached at Appendix A be recommended for approval by Council.

## **REPORT**

### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 3.1 The principal aim of the Youth Justice System is the prevention of offending and re-offending by children and young people. The Youth Justice Plan sets out an action plan to address the significant risks identified to future service delivery and improvement.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 These are covered by the existing budgetary contribution.

## 5. Background

- 5.1 Under section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 each Local Authority has a duty to produce a Youth Justice Plan setting out how Youth Justice Services in their area are provided and funded and how the Youth Offending Service for the area is funded and composed, the plan is submitted to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales
- 5.2 The Youth Justice Plan is prepared on an annual basis on behalf of Herefordshire Council, Shropshire Council, Telford and Wrekin Council and Worcestershire County Council. The basic plan preparation is undertaken by the West Mercia Youth Offending Service according to the deadlines and guidance from the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB).
- 5.3 The West Mercia Justice Plan was agreed at the West Mercia Youth Offending Management Board on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 and submitted to the Youth Justice Board at the end of June 2013.

## 6. Additional Information

- 6.1 The Youth Offending Service is subject to three national indicators. Performance against the indicators is outlined in the plan and actions identified to address risks to performance improvement.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Section 40
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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Cllr Ann Hartley
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<b>Local Member</b>
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All Members
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<b>Appendices</b>
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Appendix A West Mercia Youth Justice Plan 2013-14
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Appendix B Youth Offending Service Governance Diagram
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