

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Youth Offending Service Annual Report</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 November 2018
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Director of Children's Services - Carol Cammiss

## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

Wokingham Youth Offending Service (YOS) sits within the Council's Integrated Early Help service delivering family approaches for young people at risk of or involved in offending and anti-social behaviour.

Delivery is against three outcomes:

- Reduce the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System
- Reduce re-offending by those people already within the youth justice system
- Reduce the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence

Governance arrangements are held within the YOS management board and the board is accountable to the Berkshire West Children's Safeguarding board and the Community Safety Partnership.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For information – please see attached report.

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The report summarises the performance data for Wokingham in comparison to the South East, Thames Valley and England data and shows that Wokingham has consistently achieved a lower rate of children who are first time entrants to the Youth Justice system.

There has been an increase in re-offending rates in Wokingham. There have been national changes to the way in which this data is captured, but we know that in Wokingham we have had a recent increase in group offending and while the number of first time entrants is reducing, we have a group of young people that are repeatedly re-offending. Current trends include:

- An increase in the number of young people from out of area being arrested in Wokingham
- Increase in violence related offences committed within group enterprise and amongst girls
- An increase in drug related offences linked to county lines
- Increase in anti-social behaviour in the borough

Effective partnership arrangements are in place supporting collaborative working to address all aspects of offending behaviour and to prevent re-offending.

Challenges going forward include the YOS and partner agencies maintaining a high quality and responsive service, through collaboration where resources are reducing.

## Background

See attached report.

## Analysis of Issues

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

<b>Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision</b>
N/A

<b>Cross-Council Implications</b>
N/A

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
N/A

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