

Aspire Emergency Motion – Youth Offending Services report

This Council notes:

- The shocking findings of the ***HM Inspection of Probation report: Inspection of youth offending services in Tower Hamlets and the City of London***, published yesterday 26th July 2022.
- That this *report* represents a serious failure in the Council's handling of crime and youth services over the past seven years.
- That the *report* outlines and highlights failings at all levels of the delivery process of the services offered by the Council.
- That the Chief Inspector of Probation Justin Russell has stated that: "It is clear to us that Tower Hamlets...Youth Justice Service is not performing to the standards we expect – many areas of their work were separately rated as 'Inadequate'."
- That the *report* states that: 'The service does not have the stable workforce in critical roles and senior leadership has not been effective.'

This Council believes that:

- This *report* is but the latest in a series of instances highlighting the functional, structural and bureaucratic failings of Council infrastructure.
- These failings are preventing the Council from delivering an adequate service to the service users and are undermining its ability to provide them with the care and support they are entitled to expect.
- This *report* particularly outlines with great clarity the failings of the Council's Youth Justice Service in preventing their young service users from falling into criminal activity and protecting residents from crime and anti-social behaviour.
- If residents are to be protected against such problematic behaviour, these young people must be deterred from engaging in criminal activity.
- **Serious improvements** must be made in the service.

This Council resolves that:

- This *report* strengthens the Mayor's call for an independent Council-wide diagnostic, performance review and investigation, to ascertain the root causes of these failures and ensure that these improvements can be made swiftly and comprehensively.
- The Council's Youth Justice Service and Senior Management must present a full account of the measures, procedures and performative indicators in place during the period covered in the report, to aid this above-mentioned investigation.
- Support must be given to staff on the frontline so they can deliver the quality service the borough needs.