

Cabinet 30 November 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: James Thomas, Corporate Director Children's and Culture	Classification: Unrestricted
Youth Justice Board Annual Report	

Lead Member	Councillor Maium Talukdar, Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning
Originating Officer(s)	Susannah Beasley-Murray, Director of Supporting Families Kelly Duggan, Head of Service of Youth Justice and Young Peoples Services
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Forward Plan Notice Published	27 September 2022
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	Priority 3. Accelerate Education Priority 6. Empower Communities and Fight Crime

Executive Summary

It is a constitutional requirement for Cabinet to review the Youth Justice Board annual plan. The plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Executive Board and operational frontline service delivery.

This report highlights the current priority areas raised by the recent HMIP Inspection of Tower Hamlets and City of London Youth Justice Service including the 7 recommendations for improvement.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Youth Justice Annual Plan

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 It's a statutory process to support the grant funding for frontline service delivery.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 N/A

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1 Tower Hamlets and the City of London's Youth Justice plan is a one-year plan informed by the findings of the recent HMIP inspection that took place in April 2022. Below are the 7 recommendations for improvement which were raised through the HMIP inspection:

▪ **The Tower Hamlets and City of London Youth Justice Management Board should:**

Recommendation 1. Review its membership to ensure that the right people, at the right level of seniority, are included to engage actively in achieving better outcomes for YJS children

Recommendation 2. Ensure that there are comprehensive quality assurance arrangements to understand performance and respond to the profile and needs of all children supervised by the YJS

Recommendation 3. Make sure that all data and management information is accurate, reliable, and enables informed decision-making

Recommendation 4. Review its out-of-court provision to ensure that the arrangements are effective and support diversion.

▪ **The Tower Hamlets and City of London Youth Justice Head of Service should:**

Recommendation 5. Improve the quality of assessment, planning, and service delivery work to keep children safe and manage the risk of harm they present to others

Recommendation 6. Ensure robust contingency plans are in place for all children that address their safety and wellbeing, and risk of harm to others

Recommendation 7. Make sure safeguarding and public protection arrangements are comprehensive and understood by all staff.

3.2 The plan aims to set out the approach on how the service and partnership will achieve the necessary improvements at pace to provide good outcomes for children.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Youth Justice Service disproportionality action plan sets out the activities to address inequalities within the Youth Justice setting.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 None

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 This report include actions that use the current available budget for youth justice which is funded from both the General Fund and the Ministry of Justice grants.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires every local authority to prepare, publish and implement a Youth Justice Plan every year. This plan must also be submitted to the Youth Justice Board. The plan must set out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded, and how the youth justice teams established by them are to function.

7.2 The matters set out in this report comply with the above legislation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- HMIP Inspection Report

Appendices

- NONE

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- NONE.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A