

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 24 October 2011

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 6655)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING
SUBJECT:	INTEGRATION OF WESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM OPERATIONS FOR SOUTHAMPTON WITHIN SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL FROM APRIL 2012, INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICES PLAN
AUTHOR:	Kevin Allan

THE DECISION

- (i) To recommend the Wessex Youth Justice Plan 2011/12 to Council for approval as part of the Policy Framework.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning to do anything necessary to support, plan and implement the discontinuance of the Wessex YOT partnership and the integration of YOT operations into the City Council from 2012/13 within approved budgets.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Wessex YOT is the largest in England, originally serving four Local Authority areas. The Isle of Wight decided to leave the arrangement in April 2011 and to integrate provision within its broader council services. Southampton, Portsmouth and Hampshire Councils have now mutually agreed that youth offending services would be best delivered as part of their own Children's Service arrangements and that Wessex YOT should be fully disaggregated.
2. It is a requirement for every local authority to approve an annual youth justice plan, with the strategic aim of reducing offending and re-offending, ensuring the effective use of custody and increasing victim and public confidence. The Wessex YOT Annual Youth Justice Plan will be its last because of disaggregation. Future annual plans will focus on Southampton.
3. The 2011/12 Wessex YOT Annual Youth Justice Plan and the disaggregation of Wessex YOT from 2012/13, has been agreed by the current Wessex YOT Board, which includes Southampton officer representation. The Wessex YOT Plan has been placed in the Members rooms.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. To continue the existing partnership of three Local Authorities. This approach is considered to accrue less overall financial and operational benefit than integrating the service into Children's Services and Learning.
2. The 2011/12 plan is a statutory policy framework plan and therefore it is not an option to not report it to Cabinet and Council.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 24th October 2011

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)