

APPENDIX 2

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2001-2001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF PLAN

The principal aim of the Plan is 'to prevent offending by children and young people'.

The Plan summarises the work of the Bucks Youth Offending Team (YOT). This is a team supported by the County Council, Probation, Police, District Councils and Health.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN

There are 6 objectives from the Plan:

1. The swift administration of justice for young people
2. Confronting young offenders with the consequences of their offending
3. Tackling factors which put young people at risk of offending
4. Ensuring punishment is proportionate to the seriousness of offending
5. Encouraging reparation to victims by young offenders
6. Reinforcing the responsibility of parents

This year (2000-2001) was the first year of the YOT.

Pages 13-18 explain the progress in the current year against the objectives. Pages 47-65 set out the actions to be taken next year (2001-2002).

This Plan needs to be seen in the context of other plans (eg community safety; annual police plan). Links to these plans are explained on pages 8-13.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The funding of the YOT in 2001-2002 is described in pages 66-68. The majority of the funding is from partner agencies according to an agreed allocation. The remainder is from the Youth Justice Board.

In some areas the national expectations and standards exceed those that can be achieved locally from the resources available. This is highlighted in the Plan. In the short term, financial balances from previous underspendings can be used to support the work of the YOT (see page 67). The YOT Steering Group will discuss how to reconcile the workload of the YOT with the money which partner agencies can contribute.

ISSUES

There is a need to link up the work of the YOT with other activities (eg community safety and drug action team). This will continue to be done progressively during 2001-2002.

It will be important to monitor the performance of the YOT and partner agencies against the action plans/objectives to demonstrate that it is achieving the overall aim.