Report of the Cabinet

The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-

1. Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of People Services (copy attached) on the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018 which sets out the principal aim of the Sunderland Youth offending Service to 'prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people'. It also sets out the key related outcomes of reducing the numbers of first time entrants to the criminal justice system, reducing the proven rate of re-offending for children and young people and maintaining a low use of custody as well as service development priorities and achievements.

The Cabinet noted the contents of the report and the Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 and agreed that the plan be referred to the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee for further advice and consideration in accordance with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution. In addition the Cabinet gave delegated authority to the Executive Director of Peoples Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to accept any amendments to the plan prior to being referred to Council for final approval.

The Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee welcomed the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018 and supported the Cabinet's recommendation to submit the Plan to Council for final approval.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018.