

Continuing Statutory Service (Proposed Base Budget Reduction Targets) – Template 2
BOP 036

Service name YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM BBR 016	Service description – please see over		
	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Forecast before savings	1.851	1.918	2.013
Budgeted savings (cumulative)	-0.090	-0.092	-0.092
Planned net expenditure (Approved 2015 net budget)	1.761	1.826	1.921
August 15 monitoring position	-0.068		
Demand variations (cumulative)		0.004	0.008
Price variations (cumulative)		-0.031	-0.063
Undeliverable savings (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Loss of grant (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Resource Requirement	1.693	1.799	1.866
Additional savings target for approval (cumulative)	0.000	-0.640	-0.640
Revised proposed budget	1.693	1.159	1.226
Proposed risk reserve provision (discrete year)		0.320	0.000
Policy Decisions needed to deliver the target savings	<p>Reduce the county council's per capita expenditure on youth justice (residents aged 10 – 17) from the current 3rd highest to the average level of expenditure for the group of "nearest neighbour" benchmark authorities.</p> <p>To reduce revenue budget by £640,000 from 1 April 2016 and make a 6 months provision from reserves to cover the transition to the reduced level of service provision.</p>		
Impact on service	<p>Reductions will significantly reduce the capacity of the service and increase the risk of the service being able to meet its minimum statutory responsibilities.</p> <p>The scale of partner reduction is likely to be influenced by the county council's level of contribution. It has already be confirmed that the Youth Justice Board Grant will be reduced in-year by £283k in 2015/16.</p>		
Actions needed to deliver the target savings	<p>The savings target is based upon benchmarking expenditure. Proposals have not been developed setting out how the saving would be delivered. Actions needed to deliver the savings are to:</p> <p>Consult with the YOT Partnership Board and Partners to identify the totality of funding available</p> <p>Redesign the service in the context of available resources by 31st March 2016.</p> <p>Consult staff on proposals/structure by 31st March 2016, for implementation by 1st September 2016.</p> <p>Statutory consultation process with Trades Unions with respect to potential for redundancies, March 2016.</p>		
Equality Analysis	Click here to view document		

What does this service deliver?

Lancashire's Youth Offending Team (LYOT) is managed by a Partnership Board and delivers, in partnership, statutory services for youth justice and children's social care. The service is provided through a multi-disciplinary area based model and consists of staff from the Police, Probation, Health, Education and Social Services. There are also a number of volunteers within the service which support specific areas of delivery.

The service model is derived from the legislative duties outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and is subsequently jointly funded partners. The principal aim of the service is to prevent offending by children and young people with local strategic decision and direction primarily made through the Lancashire Youth Justice Management Board. In addition to these partnership arrangements, a significant proportion (36%) of the service functionality is reliant on grant funding drawn down from the Youth Justice Board (YJB). The local authority currently contributes 40% of the total YOT budget.

Specifically the service:

- Assess young people who have committed criminal offences.
- Supervises young people subject to court orders and supports diversionary approaches to prevent anti-social behaviour and offending.
- Supervises and supports young people subject to custodial sentences.
- Works with young offenders to prevent re offending and provides meaningful opportunities.
- Works with victims of crime.
- Ensures both victims and perpetrators of crime are safe.
- Prevents first time offending.
- Reduces the numbers of young people entering custody.

The Appropriate Adult contract fulfils the LA's statutory requirement to provide appropriate adults for children and young people detained or questioned by police officers.

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