

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Final report of the Youth Justice Working Group**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Councillor

**Report:**

In April 2019, Walsall received a HMIP single inspection in youth offending and a rating of 'requires improvement'.

At its meeting on 24th September 2019, the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that a working group should be established to carry out a more in-depth examination of the improvement plan.

The report identified that there is a dedicated workforce who are committed to improving the outcomes for children and young people known to the Youth Justice system. The Youth Justice Service is in a strong position to deliver the recommendations of the inspection, as it is supported by strong staff, governance arrangements, and is closely working with partnership agencies (both statutory and community organisations) to achieve these outcomes.

The Working Group hopes, that the recommendations of this Group will assist the Authority in achieving the recommended outcomes, as contained within the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation report.

**Recommendations:**

**That, subject to any comments members may wish to make, the final report of the Youth Justice Working Group be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.**

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