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**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**Date of Meeting:** 16 September 2015

**Subject:** Harrow Youth Offending Team  
Annual Report 2014-15

**Responsible Officer:** Chris Spencer, Interim Corporate  
Director of Children and Families

**Scrutiny Lead  
Member area:** Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio  
Holder for Children, Schools and  
Young People.

**Exempt:** No

**Wards affected:** Not Ward specific

**Enclosures:** Harrow Youth Offending Team  
Annual Report 2014-15

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

The annual report provides detailed information on the progress made over the last year in relation to youth offending trends in Harrow and the performance of the Youth Offending Team.

**Recommendations:**  
To note the contents of the report.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introduction**

Multi –agency Youth Offending Teams (YOT) were established in 2000 following the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act with the intention of reducing risk of young people offending and re-offending and to provide counsel and rehabilitation to those who do offend.

### **Current situation**

The Youth Offending Team complete an annual report which in turn informs the Harrow Youth Offending Partnership Youth Justice Plan 2015-18

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications in the Harrow Youth Offending Team Annual Report 2014-15

### **Performance Issues**

Impact on Council priorities

- Making a difference to the most vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for businesses; and
- Making a difference for families

The three key performance indicators for the Youth Offending Team are

- Reducing first time entrants
- Reducing re-offending
- Reducing the use of custody

#### **Reducing First Time Entrants**

There was a 23.4% decrease in the number of young people being found guilty of a crime in 2014-15.

In Oct 13 – Sept 14 there were 73 First time Entrants (FTE's) compared to 79 Oct 12-Sept 13, a rate of 311 per 100,000 compared to 327 per 100,000.

#### **Re-offending**

Harrow's most recent re-offending rate (April 12-March 13) of 43.7% accounts for 60 re-offenders from a cohort of 139, this compares to 84 re-offenders in the same period the previous year. The size of the cohort and the number of

re-offenders have decreased consistently since 2009, however with a smaller cohort and lower numbers of FTE's the proportion of re-offenders has increased. The alternative measure for re-offending is the frequency rate which represents the average number of re-offences per offender. In the latest reporting period (April 12- March 13) the average number of offences committed by re-offenders was 1.08, this is an increase on the previous year which was 1.04.

## Custody

The general trend in Harrow is a decrease in the number of young people in custody. Over the past three years Harrow has seen considerable decreases from 28 in 2012/13 to 23 in 2013/14 and 15 in 2014/15.

## Environmental Impact

None.

## Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

## Equalities implications

Has an EqlA been carried out? No

## Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The Harrow Youth Offending Team Annual Report 2014-15 reports on key performance indicators detailed above and incorporates the administration's priorities.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local business
- Making a difference for families

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Jo Frost

on behalf of the\*  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Name: Helen Ottino, Senior Lawyer  
& Team Leader – Social Care

on behalf of the\*  
Monitoring Officer

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Ward Councillors notified:**

NO

### **Section 4**

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**Background Papers:**

Harrow Youth Offending Team Annual Report 2014-15