

## **Youth Justice Strategy Group - Update noted etc.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities providing an overview of the Youth Justice Strategy Group (YJSG), advising

- (1) that the YJSG had been formed initially in 2010 and comprised of all of the partners involved in the youth justice context at that time, but due to changes in supports and services across Glasgow and Scotland there was now a need to review the Strategy going forward;
- (2) that given the policy landscape in Glasgow had changed since the establishment of the group, the membership had been reviewed and a review of the role and function of the group had commenced;
- (3) of the current members of the group, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Strategy, moving forward, would focus on the group's collective commitment to supporting children who came into conflict with the law through early intervention, prevention and holistic family support, and would align with national frameworks such as Getting it Right for Every Child;
- (5) that a performance framework would be developed which would support the group in monitoring patterns in offending to help guide the work undertaken by the group and partners, as well as a mechanism to highlight work carried out by partners in order to demonstrate the positive outcomes they achieved for the people they work with and the impact they had on reducing reoffending in the city;
- (6) of the changes to national and domestic law which had been passed during 2024 which aimed to treat children involved in the justice system as 'children first' and would ensure where children came into contact with the criminal justice system the approach would be trauma-informed and appropriate to their age and stage of development;
- (7) that a short-life working group had recently been established to consider the remit of the YJSG within the current national and local context, and the group recognised the need to aim to reduce the need for statutory interventions by addressing the root causes of youth offending and provide relevant support through collaborative networks, community-based services and multi-agency partnerships; and
- (8) that the group would focus to draft a Youth Justice Strategy for the city which would build upon existing local strategies and provide greater detail on how these would be implemented across youth justice systems, ensuring that there was a youth justice strategy which was comprehensive, actionable and aligned with broader policy goals, whilst addressing the needs of children and their communities.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) that regular updates on progress would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership.