



# Report

Report to:	<b>Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>3 June 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Officer</b>

Subject:	<b>Youth Court</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform Members about the progress of the Youth Court Pilot.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The CJA is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) That the report be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. At the Board meeting on 5 March 2010 Members were advised that at a meeting on 10 February 2010 the Cabinet Secretary for Justice informed the Convener that Youth Court Pilot funding would be continued until 2012. This was confirmed in writing in the attached letter dated 18 February 2010.

3.2. A condition of the extended funding was that local partners worked together to “recalibrate the Youth Courts to ensure the focus is narrowed to serious and persistent offenders” and to “draw on the best practice and lessons from specialist Courts to develop a toolkit for other Courts”.

3.3. Since February 2010 a draft project implementation plan has been developed which will result in a “whole system approach Lanarkshire”. The plan will be overseen by an implementation group chaired by Sheriff Dickson of Airdrie Sheriff Court.

3.4. The note of the first meeting of the group and the Terms of Reference for the group are attached for information.

## 4. Employee Implications

4.1. Many jobs are dependent on Youth Court funding.

## 5. Financial Implications

5.1. Youth Court funding amounts to £1.5 million annually.

## 6. Other Implications

6.1. None known.

## **7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 7.1. No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report
- 8.2. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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23 May 2011

### **List of Background Papers**

Letter dated 18 February 2010  
Note of Youth Court Meeting 18 April 2011  
Terms of Reference

### **Contact for Further Information**

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