



Monitoring, Action Planning and Evaluation

1) Monitoring the Strategy

The strategy will be a key document for all agencies involved in efforts to improve community safety and reduce the harmful effects of crime. It will be continually revisited during its lifetime to ensure activities are relevant and will be an organic process rather than a one-off stagnant document. To this end, ongoing monitoring is essential as a means of managing the strategy.

Progress against targets will be regularly reviewed and milestones set on a yearly basis to ensure that the process remains focussed.

2) Action Planning

Detailed action plans will be required to ensure a realistic approach by all agencies to the achievement of the aims and objectives. It is specific actions and tactics that turn the strategic targets into a reality. To this end each priority area identified in the strategy will have an action group who will be responsible for co-ordinating activity and driving forward the measures necessary to achieve the desired objectives. These groups will be comprised of those partners best placed to deliver results and will devise yearly action plans that will focus activity. At the outset of the strategy period the Partnership members met and considered a number of strategic actions around each priority. These were based on the analysis of the 'crime triangle', which recognises the necessity of an offender, a victim and a location in the commission of a crime. The strategy action plans will concentrate on all three elements to reduce the likelihood of offences being committed. Interim targets have been considered and all partners will be able to track progress.

Each action plan will take an objective from the crime reduction themes and identify a series of actions and interventions that will be employed to achieve that objective. The baseline against which progress is to be measured has also been established and a variety of performance indicators defined. Finally, a lead agency has been designated and timescales set for the achievement of all the Partnership's aims.

The action plans will be listed in detail in an additional document.

3) Evaluation Processes

Having established our aims and objectives for the next three years and the means by which we will seek to achieve them, it is crucial that these actions are frequently reviewed to ensure their effectiveness. An evaluation model has been drafted which will assist the Partnership to continually revisit the goals set out at the start of this three year period. Evaluation will not just monitor our progress, but will specifically examine the effectiveness of the strategic actions and why projects have succeeded or otherwise. The Partnership will remain in constant dialogue with Government Office South West to ensure that good practices from across the region can be shared.