



Introduction

The purpose of the Gloucester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is to ensure that our city is a safe, fair, just and thriving community. Whilst Gloucester is a comparatively safe place to live, the Partnership recognises the enormous harm that can be caused by crime and disorder, particularly to people who find it hard to make their voices heard. Although overall crime rates have fallen in recent years, it remains the case that crime and the fear of crime can significantly restrict the lives of innocent victims. The price of crime also affects us all, imposing huge costs on health authorities and reducing business profits. The Gloucester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, or CDRP, has a responsibility to reduce crime and disorder levels in the area and address the needs of the community.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002, requires local authorities and the Police to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The Police Authority, Fire Authority and Primary Care Trust are also responsible bodies in this combined effort to tackle crime. Within this inter-agency approach, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is responsible for implementing the local crime reduction agenda, and has a legal requirement to produce a strategy every three years. In order to make this process most effective and to ensure it is based on a full understanding of local issues, the Partnership conducts three-yearly crime audits, consults on the findings and then publishes the strategy.

This document represents Gloucester City's third strategy and is based on the crime audit conducted during 2004. The audit collated and analysed levels of crime and disorder, and also the results of public consultation so that the priorities for the next three years best reflect the needs of the city. The strategy comprises a summary of the audit findings and then moves on to explain how these findings informed the setting of priorities. These priorities are examined as themes and specific aims and objectives set for each of them. Action plans are then devised to ensure that these aims become reality.

Great strides have been made during the successful implementation of Gloucester's first two strategies that provide a robust framework for the 2005-2008 strategy. The Partnership now seeks to build on this progress by setting priorities for the next three years and establishing aims and objectives against which successes will be judged. The strategy will enable the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to tackle crime in a co-ordinated manner and will underpin the work of all agencies involved for the next three years. The strategy has been written to form a coherent part of the wider regional and national drive to improve the lives of people wherever they live. It therefore has close links to the National Drugs Strategy and The Community Strategy for Gloucester 2003 - 2013.

In Gloucester City, the third Crime and Disorder Reduction Audit and Strategy 2005 - 2008 has been produced together with an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy. This will integrate partnership working on crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour. An executive summary of the the Crime Reduction Strategy 2005 - 2008 is also available.