

Crime & Disorder Reform

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Reviewing 2008/11 strategies and preparing for new delivery and inspection frameworks

Thursday 8th May 2008

Local Government House, Smith Square, Westminster SW1

It is ten years since the Crime and Disorder Act created a statutory duty on authorities to prepare partnership strategies to reduce crime and disorder.

Recent reforms have led to major changes. In particular, The Police and Justice Act 2006 included major revisions to process. The Act introduced the replacement of the three yearly crime audit and strategy by a three year, annually renewable, strategy - to be informed annually by a Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (PSIA).

This conference will look at the key considerations for authorities working within the new framework.

Specific focus will be given to issues for partnerships in preparing their second PSIA's for autumn 2008 as well as an examination and review of the development of 2008/11 strategies. It will look at how these strategies fit within the reform framework and the wider policy context at national level – including the National Crime Reduction Strategy, the Community Safety Plan and revised Public Service Agreements (PSAs). Changes at local level will also be examined including the development of Community Strategies and new Local Area Agreements.

As part of the revised framework for CDRPs, the conference will look at the introduction of the new Comprehensive Area Assessments (CAAs) which will replace the existing inspection of key local public services and how this is complemented by a new shared performance and assessment framework for Police and Local Government – the Assessments of Policing and Community Safety, or APACS.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Leading Local Authority Members with responsibility for Crime and Disorder
- Chief Executive Officers
- Community Safety Managers and Officers
- Chair and members of the CDRP
- Community Safety Policy and Strategy Officers

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Helen Murray, Policy Programme Director, Local Government Association (LGA).
- Chief Superintendent Paul Dowell, Lead on APACS Communication, the Home Office.
- Kathy Robinson, Lead on CDRP Reform, the Home Office.
- Zoe Billingham, Director of Environment and Community Safety, the Audit Commission.
- Stuart Douglass, Sunderland City Council and Chair, Local Government Association (LGA) Community Safety Advisors.
- Dawn Hewitt, Head of Community Safety and Bob Dimmock, Performance and Commissioning Manager and Kerry Wright, Community Safety Support Officer, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.
- Julia Stephens-Row, Assistant Director (Social Inclusion and Diversity), Suffolk County Council.
- Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) representative

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09.45 **Registration and Refreshments**

10.20 **Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

10.30 **Keynote Address: Challenges for Local Government on Tackling Crime and Community Safety**

Helen Murray, Policy Programme Director,
Local Government Association

This address will provide an overview of the Crime and Disorder issues affecting local authorities including the National Community Safety agenda, violent crime, gun and knife crime and disorder related to alcohol. It will also provide a local government perspective on CDRP Reform (outlined in the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the amended version in the Public Involvement in Health and Local Government Act 2007) as well as a local authority view on APACS and the CAA framework.

11.00 **The ACPO View on the Role of CDRPs in National Policing Objectives**

Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)
Representative to be confirmed

This address will provide a view from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) on current national developments and will examine policing objectives that will require support from CDRPs. These will include future neighbourhood policing, the potential impact of the partnership recommendations made in Sir Ronnie Flanagan's review of policing and APACS (Home Office - Assessments of Policing and Community Safety).

11.30 **Questions**

11.40 **Refreshment Break**

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12.00 **APACS and the Implications for CDRPs**

Chief Superintendent Paul Dowell,

Lead on APACS Communication, the Home Office

Kathy Robinson,

Lead on CDRP Reform, the Home Office

The strategic and technical consultations on APACS closed at the end of February 2008 with implementation scheduled for April 2009.

In preparation for this, this presentation will focus on the APACS elements that affect CDRPs as well as joint indicator overlap with policing and national indicator sets.

12.30 **Comprehensive Area Assessments**

Zoe Billingham, Director of Environment and Community Safety,
the Audit Commission

A new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) will replace the existing inspection of key local public services. This session will provide an update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment proposals and will focus in particular on the issues around Community Safety. The address will also examine the way CAAs will work with APACS.

1.00 **Questions**

1.15 **Lunch**

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2.10 **A Local Authority Approach to the 2008 / 11 Strategy**

Stuart Douglass, Sunderland City Council,
Chair, LGA Community Safety Advisors

A case study from a leading local authority examining the approach they took to their 2008-2011 strategy and revised LAA. This address will also look at the impact of the recent National Crime Reduction Strategy and National Community Safety Plan on this approach with particular attention given to the increased focus on violent crime and alcohol related crime.

2.40 **Questions**

2.50 **Conference Streams**

The conference will divide into streams to allow focus on unitary and two-tier issues around the development of recent strategies in the light of CDRP reform and national frameworks such as the National Crime Reduction Strategy as well as approaches to LAAs and performance management frameworks. The streams will allow delegates to share local experience of the key issues and their approach to their Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

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Stream A – Key Issues for Unitary Authorities

Led by Dawn Hewitt, Head of Community Safety,
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Bob Dimmock, Performance and Commissioning Manager,
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Kerry Wright, Community Safety Support Officer,
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council will provide a unitary perspective on the key issues around the new national frameworks, the development of strategies and their approach to their PSIA. This is a forum for delegates from unitary authorities to share good practice and discuss challenges specific to unitary authorities.

Stream B – Key Issues for Two Tier Authorities

Led by Julia Stephens-Row, Assistant Director (Social Inclusion and Diversity), Suffolk County Council

Together with representatives from Suffolk District Councils

Suffolk County Council together with a district representative will provide a two tier perspective on the key issues around the new national frameworks including the development of strategies and PSIA's. This stream is a forum in which delegates from county and district councils can share good practice and discuss key issues specific to two tier areas.

3.50 **Feedback from Streams & Questions**

4.00 **Chair's Closing Remarks**

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Conference Objectives

- To examine the framework for community safety ten years on from the implementation of the Crime and Disorder Act.
- To focus on recent reforms including the replacement of the three yearly crime audit and strategy by a three year, annually renewable, strategy under The Police and Justice Act.
- To review 2008-11 strategies within the wider community safety agenda and the framework for CDRP reform.
- To examine Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessments (PSIAs) and prepare authorities for the autumn 2008 PSIA.
- To understand how CDRP strategies fit within a wider policy context at national level – including the National Crime Reduction Strategy, the Community Safety Plan and revised Public Service Agreements (PSAs).
- To look at the introduction of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment and how this is complemented by a new shared performance and assessment framework for Police and Local Government – the Assessments of Policing and Community Safety, or APACS.

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