

COMMITTED TO QUALITY – THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPROACH TO BEST VALUE

Service Plans 2001-2002: Template

Name of Service Plan Area: **Community Safety**
Ref **C-S1**

Service Plan

Part 1 Description of service

Purpose of service

To develop a safer, healthier Buckinghamshire by promoting involvement and responsibility in all aspects of Community Safety at a local level. We do this in active co-operation with local people and with our partners, taking leadership where appropriate and through integrated policy planning and implementation.

What are the statutory parameters that regulate how the service operates?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, particularly Section 17.

Chairman of Policy & Resources 2001/02 Policy Steer(s) relevant to the service

The Council must live within its means
All managers deliver 2% efficiencies.
No specific steers for this service.

Resource summary	Actual (when known)		
	2001-02		
Budget	52,827		

Volume of service (2001/2)

Number of customers/users

Residents of Buckinghamshire.

Business and other groups at risk of crime

External partnership/agencies; e.g. parish/Town Councils

BCC Service Delivers and Members of the County Council

Statutory partners-District Councils, Health, Probation and Police

Regional and National Authorities.

Number and location of sites:

County Hall and BCC delivery points countywide.

Number of staff (FTE)

One full-time equivalent.

Special Factors

The four area Community Safety Strategies run on a 3 year cycle from 1998 to 2001. The evaluation of these strategies and the audit and development of the new 3 year Strategies, due to be published in April 2002, will take place throughout 2001/2002.

The development of the New Bucks Partnership (Local Strategic Partnership).

The development of the Community Safety Drugs initiatives.

Part 2 Performance of Service

Current performance (in relation to 2000-01 Service Plan outcomes and targets)

Current performance as described by P Crisp in the District Audit Commission Report - March 2001:

"The County Council has made good progress in moving the Community Safety Agenda forward in the County area and this progress can and should be maintained."

The specific areas considered and praised were:

- Engagement
- Section 17 compliance on mainstreaming Community Safety activity within partnership agency activities.
- Data gaps and information sharing
- The MacPherson Report

Several activities within these areas have been described as excellent:

- i. Spatial Planning Conference
- ii. Information Sharing protocol
- iii. Information sharing Training
- iv. Information Sharing Officer Post
- v. Domestic Violence Initiative

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/1	TARGET 2001/2	TARGET 2004/5
1. Reduced perception of and actual numbers of crime/anti-social behaviour and/or increase in people's feelings of safety within the community.	Partnership Consultation Strategy		Evaluate the public consultation on the Draft Community Safety Strategies Autumn 2001	Review of 2002 Community safety Strategies
2. A reduction of reported crime in the following areas:				
Violent crime	Violent crime per 1,000 population (BVPI 127)	6.5%	10% reduction	
Burglary	Domestic burglary per 1000 households BVPI 126	34.8%	10% reduction	
Vehicle crime	Vehicle crimes per 1000 population BVPI 128	18.5%	10% reduction	

<p>3. Easily accessible and high quality information will be shared and targeted so that policies and practices in relation to Community Safety can be effective.</p>	<p>Encourage partnerships to obtain and use data from a wider set of sources</p>	<p>March 2001</p> <p>March 2001</p> <p>May 2001</p>	<p>Appointment of multi-funded data researcher</p> <p>Identification of data sets</p> <p>Data is available through information sharing protocols</p>	<p>Encourage NHS Trusts in information sharing protocols</p>
<p>4. Bucks society will feel more empowered by the involvement of diverse communities at all levels of the Community Safety Strategies</p>	<p>Response to the MacPherson Report. The Home Secretary's recommendation 70 which requires all community safety partnerships to consider what relevant agencies have done in implementing community and local initiatives aimed at promoting cultural diversity and addressing racism.</p>	<p>District Audit March 2001 states "good progress"</p>	<p>Establish a Racial Incidents Response Group to review incidents and to be proactive in developing links with the Racial Equality Councils</p>	<p>Work with partners to continue to develop responses to MacPherson</p>
<p>5. The integration of Community Safety principles into all our planning policies/practices and procedures</p>	<p>Ensure that community safety initiatives are integrated into other service plans</p>	<p>District Audit March 2001 Report states this is well underway in Bucks</p>	<p>Integration into all service plans</p>	<p>Continue to work towards integration of community safety initiatives in all relevant service plans</p>

Portfolio Flagship Projects		
Project outcome	Key stages	By when
<p>The safety of the community is improved as a result of the more effective shared information between agencies involved in community safety planning 7(a)</p>	<p>The introduction and development of the County-wide information sharing protocol</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Part 3 For more information

Associated County Council Business Plans, and links with other Service Plans or Statutory Plans

Youth Justice Plan 2000-2001
Equal Opportunities Action Plan 2000-2001
Drugs Action Team Plan 2001

When is the service due for a Best Value Root and Branch Review?

April 2002 - December 2002

Accountable Officers

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