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Assessing Joint Priorities
 Building and sustaining high performing partnerships
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Introduction

- **The changing operating context**
- **Enabling Partnerships**
- **Challenges and priorities going forward**
- **Tools and Techniques**


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Context – radical reform

- 1 Decentralisation**
 Devolution of power to local areas, more transparency, greater professional and financial autonomy
- 2 Accountability**
 Directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners, neighbourhood beat meetings, crime mapping
- 3 Big Society**
 Promoting active citizenship, building the capacity of communities to play their part
- 4 Reducing the deficit**
 Whole must be more not less than sum of parts


Government commitment to partnership working 

Government recognises:

- that when agencies work together they can tackle crime and disorder more effectively than when they work alone
- the benefits of local partnerships – potential for cost savings
- the importance of statutory status of Community Safety Partnerships

I believe that one of the successes of the past few years is that local partnerships can be effective in helping to fight crime and in dealing with offenders

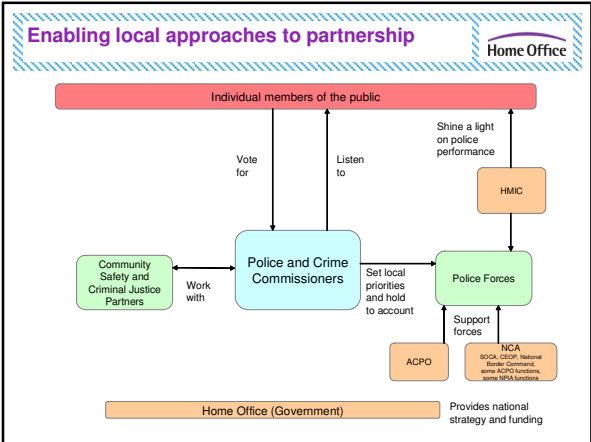
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Enabling partnerships - what the Government is doing 

CSPs:

- Repeal of unnecessary regulations to allow CSPs greater flexibility
- Reciprocal duty for PCCs and Responsible Authorities to co-operate with each other to reduce crime and disorder
- Enabling powers for Commissioners to bring CSPs together to deal with force-wide community safety issues
- Giving Commissioners a role in commissioning community safety work
- Role in identifying and sharing effective practice

- Looking at how we can strengthen the current regulations on information sharing
- Establishing a duty to cooperate between PCCs and their criminal justice partners
- Localising decisions on methods of partnership working – arrangements to be determined locally
- Duty for PCCs and CSPs to have due regard to each others priorities



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Partnerships will need to do some things differently:

Action-oriented, not meetings-oriented

- Reduce bureaucracy / processes
- Use multi-agency working to achieve value for money
- Improve delivery of services
- Work in partnership because it makes business sense, not because of funding or targets

Stronger and clear accountability to local communities

- Directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners with a role in wider questions of community safety
- Transparency of information
- Active role for the voluntary and community sector, private sector and local people

Local co-operation is vital. But partnerships need to be action-oriented, not meetings-oriented, with stronger and clear accountability to local communities.

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Partnerships need to keep doing the things that make multi-agency working effective:

- 1 Strong leadership from the top of key agencies
- 2 Co-ordination of priorities and resources
- 3 Sharing information about vulnerable and repeat victims, offenders and offences
- 4 Using a problem-solving approach to implement sustainable solutions
- 5 Co-location of operational teams, effective case management, joint tasking

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Driving change – collective leadership, ownership and accountability

- Review partnership arrangements - rationalisation/ streamlining
- Shared evidence base to inform decisions about local priorities and resources – hard and soft data
- Increased collaboration across partnerships – joint commissioning – sharing resources
- Joint commissioning/ collective problem solving
- Application of Effective Practice

The role of the Home Office

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Supporting partnership

- Regular communication through the Crime and Policing e-bulletin
- Deep dives
- Themed road shows on key aspects of policy and delivery - the first round in the new year will focus on PCCs.
- Policy specific support e.g. DIP/PPO "walk throughs".
- Effective Practice Framework.
- Redesigned Tilley Awards with greater reach and citizen involvement.
- Raising the profile of relevant training and education opportunities and stimulating future provision.
