

# **Home Office Draft Structural Reform Plan**

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# Structural Reform Plans

Structural Reform Plans are the key tool of the Coalition Government for making departments accountable for the implementation of the reforms set out in the Coalition Agreement. They replace the old, top-down systems of targets and central micromanagement.

The reforms set out in each department's SRP are designed to turn government on its head, taking power away from Whitehall and putting it into the hands of people and communities. Once these reforms are in place, people themselves will have the power to improve our country and our public services, through the mechanisms of local democratic accountability, competition, choice, and social action.

The reform plans set out in this document are consistent with and form part of the Department's contribution to the Spending Review. All departmental spending is subject to the Spending Review.

We have adopted a cautious view of the timescales for delivering all legislative measures due to the unpredictability of pressures on Parliamentary time.

# Departmental priorities

## **1. Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour**

- Enable police forces and local communities to deal better with the anti-social behaviour and crime that blights people's lives

## **2. Increase the accountability of the police to citizens**

- Make police forces more accountable to the communities they serve through oversight by a directly elected individual and transparency about what the police are doing locally to tackle crime

## **3. Secure our borders and control immigration**

- Limit non-European Economic Area migration, establish a Border Police Force to secure our borders and end the detention of children for immigration purposes

## **4. Protect people's freedoms and civil liberties**

- Reverse state intrusion into the lives of law-abiding citizens by scrapping ID cards, bringing common sense into the employment vetting process and restoring rights of non-violent protest

## **5. Protect our citizens from terrorism**

- Support cross-government work on Counter Terrorism, prevent the spread of extremism and confront extremist groups

## 1. Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (1/3)

*Enable police forces and local communities to deal better with the anti-social behaviour and crime that blights people's lives*

<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>1.1 Review of existing anti-social behaviour powers</b>		
i. Develop and consult on proposals to consolidate anti-social behaviour tools and powers to reduce complexity and provide effective interventions for police, local authorities and social landlords	Jun 2010	Sep 2010
ii. Legislate through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill	Oct 2010	Nov 2011
<b>1.2 Overhaul alcohol licensing to give more power to police and local authorities to meet the concerns of local communities</b>		
i. Consult and develop proposals to overhaul the Licensing Act 2003 to strengthen local authority and police powers to remove licenses from, or refuse to grant licenses to, any premises that are causing problems	Jun 2010	Sep 2010
ii. Legislate through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill	Oct 2010	Nov 2011
iii. Develop options for alcohol taxation and pricing to ensure it tackles binge drinking, working with Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and HM Treasury	Jun 2010	Apr 2011
iv. Develop options to ban below-cost sale of alcohol, working with other government departments	Jun 2010	Nov 2010
v. Introduce legislation if necessary	Nov 2011	
<b>MILESTONES</b>		
A. Changes to alcohol taxation introduced by HM Treasury	Apr 2011	
B. Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill passed	Nov 2011	



## 1. Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (3/3)

*Enable police forces and local communities to deal better with the anti-social behaviour and crime that blights people's lives*

<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>1.4 Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime</b>		
i. Ensure hospitals share non-confidential information with the police on knife and gun crime and other serious violence, working with the Department of Health	Jun 2010	Apr 2011
ii. Improve the recording of hate crime by setting up systems to provide a consolidated set of data of hate-related offences, published in an open and standardised format	Jun 2010	Apr 2011
iii. Develop options to provide people with greater protection to prevent crime and apprehend criminals, including defending themselves against intruders, working with the Ministry of Justice	Jul 2010	Dec 2010
iv. Draft a cross-government strategy to prevent violence against women	Jun 2010	Apr 2011
<b>1.5 Develop a comprehensive approach to drug misuse</b>		
i. Introduce new system of temporary bans on new legal highs while health issues are considered by independent experts	Oct 2010	Nov 2011
ii. Develop options and a strategy for drugs misuse, covering prevention, enforcement, treatment and reintegration (including rehabilitation), working with other government departments	Jun 2010	Dec 2010
<b>1.6 Support the Ministry of Justice in developing a rehabilitation Green Paper, including options for sentencing reform</b>	Jun 2010	Nov 2010
<b>MILESTONES</b>		
A. Introduction of temporary ban on legal highs	Oct 2010	
B. Rehabilitation Green Paper published by the Ministry of Justice	Nov 2010	
C. New strategy to tackle drug misuse published	Dec 2010	
D. Introduction of measures on violence against women and hate crime	Apr 2011	
E. Measures ensuring hospitals share non-confidential information with the police	Apr 2011	











## 5. Protect our citizens from terrorism (1/2)

*Support cross-government work on Counter Terrorism, prevent the spread of extremism and confront extremist groups*

<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>5.1 Consider changes to security and counter-terrorism policies and systems as part of the Strategic Defence and Security Review under the direction of the National Security Council</b>	Jun 2010	Oct 2010
<b>5.2 Develop proposals on how best to extend the UK's ability to deport foreign nationals who threaten our national security</b>	Jun 2010	Nov 2010
<b>5.3 Review of the 'prevent' strand of the counter-terrorism strategy with a clear separation between 'prevent' (Home Office lead) and 'integration' (Communities and Local Government lead)</b>	Jun 2010	Jan 2011
<b>5.4 Revise the 'CONTEST' counter-terrorism strategy</b>	Nov 2010	Jan 2011
<b>MILESTONES</b>		
A. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review published		Oct 2010
B. Extend the UK's ability to deport foreign nationals who threaten our national security		Nov 2010
C. Review of 'prevent' strand of the counter-terrorism strategy published		Jan 2011
D. Revised CONTEST counter-terrorism strategy published		Jan 2011

