

Policy Priorities – Inherited corporate projects

Project/Lead government department	Description	Provisional task group nomination (some nominations still pending)
<p>A New Deal for Emergency Planning</p> <p>(Public Protection Executive/Task Group)</p> <p>Cabinet Office</p>	<p>This project centres on the introduction of the Civil Contingencies Bill and the modernisation of emergency planning responsibilities in the context of new terrorist and other threats. Its objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an effective LGA influence on the Civil Contingencies Bill to ensure the best possible outcome for local authorities ○ acceptance by Government of a new baseline figure for Emergency Planning funding for the current level of service ○ recognition by Government that 6 of the Bill's 7 elements will represent new burdens for local government which will require funding ○ effective local government input into the Government's post-September 11 / foot and mouth disease / flooding crises agenda ○ recognition by Government that the capabilities programme creates new burdens for LAs outside the current grant or the Bill burdens ○ improved resilience and emergency preparedness across all local authorities. <p>The project is due to end in March 2005</p>	<p>Cllr Jean Johnson, Con, (Lincolnshire CC)</p> <p>Cllr John Farrow, Con, (Oxfordshire CC)</p> <p>Pat O'Connor, Lib Dem – Lincolnshire</p> <p>Lindsay Wilson, Lib Dem – Poole</p> <p>Robert Dutton, Ind, Wrexham</p>

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<p>Ahead of the Game (Prostitution) (Public Protection Executive/Task Group) Home Office</p>	<p>The Home Office is reviewing the legislation on prostitution and the licensed sex industry (sex shops, strip clubs, and sex cinemas). These activities clearly impact on the well-being of local communities and on the provision of local social, regulatory, health and community safety services. Criminal elements also support the international crime of human trafficking. This project is examining new ways to manage and reduce that impact, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ engendering an open debate on this contentious yet often ignored subject; ○ developing a new local government approach by joining up social, regulatory, health and community safety services; and ○ making recommendations to the Home Office on potential new legislation <p>The project will run until at least March 2005.</p>	<p>Cllr David Dewdney, Con, (West Sussex CC) Cllr Frances Mallowan, Con, (South Bucks DC) Cllr Richard Marbrow, Lib Dem Liverpool Tony Swendell, Ind, St Albans City Cllr Jack Kemp, Lab, Bury Cllr Ann Lucas, Lab, Coventry (TBC)</p>
<p>Domestic Violence (Community Safety Panel) Home Office</p>	<p>This is a three year Home Office funded project to identify and promote good practice of councils and partner organisation in addressing domestic violence by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ developing and supporting operational local partnerships focused on offenders and victims ○ facilitating the sharing of good practice ○ raising awareness of domestic violence and council's role in tackling this problem ○ influencing national developments for a more co-ordinated response ○ identifying broader lessons for community safety <p>The project is scheduled to run until December 2006.</p>	<p>Cllr Ann Hartley, Con, (Shropshire CC) Cllr Jennie Beaumont, Con, (Stockton-on-Tees BC) Jane Blayney. Lib Dem - N Yorkshire CC2nd Lib Dem to be confirmed Kate Gray, Ind, East Riding of Yorks</p>

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<p>Fire Modernisation (Fire Service Executive/Fire Service Implementation Group)</p> <p>Home Office</p>	<p>the comprehensive nature of the fire modernisation agenda means this project encompasses the bulk of issues of concern to the fire service. Issues being addressed by the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the move to risk assessed service provision. ○ implementation of the integrated personal development system ○ support for the operation of regional management boards ○ comprehensive performance assessment ○ fire service pensions ○ policy on pay negotiations <p>The current phase of the project is due to end in March 2005</p>	<p>Cllr Les Byrom, Con, (Sefton MBC)</p> <p>Cllr Jerry Willmott, Con, (Kennet DC)</p> <p>Anne Gallop, Lib Dem - Sutton</p> <p>Christina Jebb, Lib Dem - Staffordshire CC</p> <p>John Thompson, ind, Powys</p> <p>Cllr Val Shawcross, LFEPA, lab</p> <p>Cllr Ian Swithenbank, lab, Northumberland</p> <p>Third Labour nomination to be confirmed</p>

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<p>Working with the correctional system (prisons)</p> <p>Social Inclusion Executive/Task Group</p> <p>Home Office</p>	<p>This project seeks to identify the potential benefits to local government and communities from closer working with correctional services, both probation and prisons and develop new relationships between correctional services and local government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gather evidence from a wide range of partner organisations on the current issues in this area and conduct a national survey of all local authorities. This will be developed into a robust evidence based report setting out recommendations for both central and local government. ○ work with national partners to explore what local government can do at the centre to support closer working at the local level and develop a partner concordat to create a package of support for offenders when they leave prison ○ gather and disseminate a wide range of good practice examples of the work local authorities and their partners are doing within their areas at a local level ○ influence the development of National Offender Management Service (NOMS) ○ Scope a set of demonstration projects with the Home Office on improved working between local government and NOMS and to explore restorative justice models within local communities. 	<p>Cllr David Lloyd, Con, (Hertfordshire CC)</p> <p>Cllr David Lee, Con, (Chelmsford BC)</p> <p>Rabi Martins, Lib Dem – Watford BC</p> <p>Diane Packham, Lib Dem – Newcastle City</p> <p>Melyvn Smith, ind, South Yorks PA</p> <p>Cllr Paul Blanchard, Lab, York</p> <p>Cllr David Lancaster from Salford, Lab</p>