

Monitoring the Impact of Public Service Cuts

1. At the meeting of the Scanning & Challenge Group on 3 October the impact of continuing public service cuts was discussed, and it was agreed to propose to the Partnership a simple mechanism for monitoring their cumulative impact on the work of the Partnership, on a year by year basis, taking 2010/11 as the baseline year, since it may turn out to be the 'best year ever' in terms of reducing crime and ASB.
2. Any system needs to be straightforward and 'user friendly', taking account of the different sizes of partners (from large statutory organisations to much smaller 'third sector' organisations) and their different geographies (Stockton, Cleveland, Tees Valley, Durham/Tees Valley etc). In some cases it will be possible to specify budget reductions in detail, but in other cases a 'broad brush' description in terms of service reductions may suffice, in order to avoid spending time on disaggregating budgets.
3. A proposed draft format is attached as Appendix A, including some detailed work on illustrative examples.
4. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Partnership discusses this and agrees to collect information on an annual basis. Views on the optimum timing of this exercise would be useful