

REFORMING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

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Our reforms support **BIG SOCIETY PRINCIPLES**

- **Public service reform** – more innovative, diverse and responsive services delivered providing real value for money
- **Social action** – taking an active role in our communities and helping others out
- **Community empowerment** – neighbourhoods are in charge of their own destiny, feel able to shape the world around them, and choose to do so



Ministry of
JUSTICE

SMALL GOVERNMENT: catalyst for change

Localism

is the ethos

Decentralisation

is what we do

Big Society

is what we're trying to achieve

Public protection informs the scale and pace of change

Challenges across policy areas

- **Downturn and Spending Review - impact on VCS and social enterprises**
- **Disadvantaged groups have least voice to influence local decisions and greatest barriers to engagement**
- **Major culture change needed**
- **New commissioning and delivery models**

Greater role for Civil Society

- Expertise, holistic provision and reach
- Enablers of social action, empowerment and change
- Service providers
- Partners in local integrated planning and delivery

Government initiatives to strengthen Civil Society

- Transition Fund
- Increased competition
- **Commissioning reform - public services White Paper**
- Cutting red tape
- New Rights to challenge and buy
- Social investment - Strategy
- Giving
- Refreshed Compact

- *Three pillars of funding: public service income; giving; and social finance = less dependence on the state*

CJS REFORM

- Joined up Criminal Justice Strategy that:
 - *Punishes offenders*
 - *Protects the public*
 - *Reduces reoffending*
- Green Paper - Breaking the cycle: effective punishment, rehabilitation and sentencing of offenders
- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- Transforming Justice – a better service at lower cost

Breaking the Cycle – *the what*

Punishment and payback

Rehabilitation revolution

Getting offenders off alcohol and drugs

Access to work and settled accommodation

Diversion - vulnerable women; people with mental health problems

Prevention and early intervention

Breaking the Cycle – *the how*

Competition

Payment by results

Shift accountability and reduce bureaucracy

Decentralisation and Integrated Offender Management

Working with communities

Civil Society capacity building and voice

Reducing Reoffending Third Sector Advisory Group

Breaking the cycle - working in partnership

Infrastructure grants

Capacity building

VCS involvement in IOM

Spending Review – information and mitigation