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The Police Authorities (Three-year Strategy Plans) Regulations 2002

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 6A(14) of the Police Act 1996(**a**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police Authorities (Three-year Strategy Plans) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 1st November 2002.

(2) In these Regulations "the 1996 Act" means the Police Act 1996.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Three-year periods

2.—(1) The first period to be treated as constituting a relevant three-year period for the purposes of section 6A of the 1996 Act is the period of two years ending on 31st March 2005.

(2) Subsequent relevant three-year periods shall be the three-year periods commencing on 1st April 2005, 1st April 2008 and every third year thereafter.

Home Office
6th October 2002

John Denham
Minister of State

(**a**) 1996 c. 16. Section 6A was inserted by section 92 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 6A of the Police Act 1996 ("the 1996 Act") requires a police authority to prepare a plan, known as a three-year strategy plan which sets out the authority's medium and long term strategies for policing that area. The three-year strategy plan must be consistent with the National Policing Plan made under section 36A of the 1996 Act.

Section 6A(14) of the 1996 Act enables the first period for which a plan has to be submitted to be less than 3 years. Regulation 2 provides that the first period for which a plan is to be submitted is the 2 year period ending on 31st March 2005. The subsequent three-year periods will be the three-year periods commencing on 1st April 2005, 1st April 2008 and every third year thereafter.

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