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POLICY CHANGE CYCLE

Issue

Issues can arise from any social concern or conflict. For example, an increase in accidents at an intersection, an outbreak of a particular illness or under-performing schools.

Define the Problem

Sometimes issues are multiple causes, which means that the problem will need to be clearly defined. Input for this stage of the cycle will come from multiple sources.

Search for Solutions

From the input received and in concert with multiple stakeholders, solutions will be explored.

Formulate a plan, policy or program

Some solutions will require more time and resources than others. Depending upon the solution required, the response may require a plan, a new policy or a program.

Review and Adopt

Whatever the form of the solution (e.g. plan, policy or program), the parties who will be responsible for implementation and monitoring must review and adopt the proposal.

Implement and Evaluate

Once adopted, the new initiative will be implemented according to the agreement in the form it was adopted. It must then be evaluated to determine if the desired solutions results.

Continue, Modify or Terminate

Evaluations of the initiatives and their success or failure will determine whether it continues as is, needs to be modified or terminated.

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