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# **Summary**

To update SCP members on activity by the Community Safety Team not otherwise addressed

## Recommendation(s)

At the SCP Committee meeting in February it was announced that the Prevent Strategy, one of the SCP's priorities, would be refreshed for Members' input. In this Strategy Members are asked to note updates related to:

- Terrorism in the UK context
- Management of the risk of preventing terrorist related activities
- Training Corporate staff and making them aware of Prevent, what it means for the work environment and how they can ensure that the statutory duty placed on local authorities is met
- How we are continuing to engage with the resident, business, education, faith and voluntary sectors

### **Main Report**

- 1. The City of London Prevent Strategy has been refreshed by the Community Safety Team and the City of London Police and the Department of Community and Children Services.
- 2. It explains the Prevent strand, one of the four key elements of the CONTEST strategy aimed at reducing the risk to the UK from international terrorism.

- 3. It establishes the mechanisms for understanding the risk of radicalisation by providing awareness training for staff
- 4. Builds capabilities to deal with it i.e. working in partnership.
- 5. Uses counter terrorism local profiles to assess risk
- 6. It provides a short overview of the City of London, including its physical position, transport infrastructure, resident, business and education sectors and the number of people living, working and visiting the City
- 7. The City of London Police has provided details of the current threat level from international terrorism, the emerging threat from individuals returning from areas of conflict. This also includes the threat from political, religious and domestic forms of extremism as well as the threat from extremist material on the internet.

#### Management of the risk

- 8. The report considers the risk posed to the City and how it uses the CTLP to manage that risk and engage with key partners to prevent terrorism taking root in the community.
- 9. Going forward into 2017, there will be further work with our partners to strengthen engagement and make it more meaningful.
- 10. We will continue to:
- 11. Provide WRAP training for staff including e-learning module so that all staff will be able to access the training.
- 12. Develop strong and constructive relationships with the resident community to counter extremism.
- 13. Work closely with the City Police to ensure educational establishments are provided with support and that all parties are understand the need to comply with the duty of Prevent.
- 14. Engage with the business community despite the fact that they do not have a duty to actively prevent people from being drawn into terrorism it is understood that Prevent is a safeguarding issue and therefore affects all who live, work and visit the City.
- 15. As part of the resident, business and visiting community we will look at ways to improve engagement with faith communities and build on our current partnership ties with religious groups.
- 16. We will also continue to engage with voluntary organisations, including Livery Companies and their charitable arms and highlight the need to remain alert to

cyber threats and possible exploitation from terrorist groups.

- 17. The report states the importance of safeguarding and that radicalisation has elements in common with other hazards afflicting the young, from gang recruitment to mental illness.
- 18. The report provides a diagram of the Channel Panel process that works to ensure that individuals of any age at risk of radicalisation receive appropriate support.

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