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<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>This paper gives an overview of Prevent activity in the Square Mile and presents a draft our first Prevent Policy.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report • Assign or confirm a representative for the Channel Panel Process. 	

Main Report

Background

1. The information detailed below demonstrates the City Corporation and City of London Police commitment to the delivery of activities to support the Prevent agenda.

Current Activity

2. There have been no Channel Panel cases since the last Safer City Partnership (SCP) Group meeting. The Community Safety Team (CST) has the capacity to operate meetings virtually and will liaise with partners accordingly should a referral come to our attention.

3. A CST representative attends a bi-weekly virtual forum with the London Prevent Network, which includes all London Prevent co-ordinators and updates with partners such as, SO15 Counter-Terrorism Policing, Department for Education, NHS England Prevent, and National Probation Service. Best practice, support for co-ordinators in delivering Prevent activity, and national updates are the focus of this forum. Additionally, information is provided regarding the Home Office Prevent Review, which will be carried out throughout the year.
4. The Prevent team (CST joint with the City of London Police Prevent Officer) continue to actively promote Prevent training packages and awareness sessions to businesses, community groups, partner agencies and the education sector. Due to COVID-19, all face-to-face training sessions have been replaced by virtual sessions. Additionally, the Home Office online package has been suggested as a temporary alternative. Since the last SCP Strategy Board, training has been delivered to City of London Police new starters and transferees, all safeguarding leads at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, City Corporation Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Team and City Corporation Apprentices.
5. The Prevent team continue to promote the Counter-Terrorism Policing national safeguarding website www.actearly.uk which was launched in November 2020. The campaign is a regular feature of the Prevent training presentations, City Corporation and City of London Police social media channels as well as various forums. The Prevent team have reached approximately 900 contacts. This campaign aims to encourage family and friends to share concerns that a friend or loved one might be vulnerable to radicalisation.
6. The Prevent team have researched potential educational providers to offer Prevent and Hate Crime sessions to City schools in the next academic year. The Prevent team met with representatives from EqualiTeach, a non-for-profit equality training and consultancy organisation that provides support and training to help teachers, governors and support staff to create inclusive classrooms where all young people feel safe. This programme is popular with neighbouring London boroughs and has been commissioned by a number of Prevent teams. The team will present at the next Safeguarding Education Forum to gain buy-in from our schools.

Counter-Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP)

7. The City of London Police are currently consulting City of London stakeholders regarding the CTLP 2021/22. The team are seeking advice and information from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and the force's approved CTLP before a final draft is agreed for the City.
8. The City of London Police are collaborating with the MPS and currently drawing up a memorandum of understanding with Metropolitan Police SO15 Prevent team to detail what this looks like.

Prevent Policy and Guidance

9. The CST have developed a Prevent Policy and Guidance document (see Appendix 1) to support stakeholders with regards to Prevent duty and Channel Panel responsibilities. The team requires members cited in the 'Channel representatives' section to confirm their organisation's contact person who will attend any future Channel Panels. Please send the named person's details to ali.burlington@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The team will use these contacts to create a Prevent and Channel Leads Forum and distribution list to ensure that all stakeholders are kept up to date with the latest guidance, procedures and legislation.

Furthermore, the Prevent team are compiling a City of London Prevent Action Plan. The team requests the support of partners to contribute to this plan which will be circulated in due course.

Strategic Implications

10. All of the work noted in this report contributes to our SCP aim:

- 'Vulnerable people and communities are safeguarded from radicalisation and the threat of terrorism'.

Conclusion

11. The City Corporation and City of London Police are working together to achieve our mutual Prevent goals. Consistent work and training is being delivered to a range of stakeholders, supported by the City of London Prevent Policy and Guidance.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - City of London Prevent Policy and Guidance
- Appendix 2 – Prevent Draft Equality Assessment

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