

Committee:	Dated:
Safeguarding Sub-Committee	11/10/2021
Subject: City of London Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance/Internal Further Education Prevent Guidance	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	Outcome 1.
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

The Community Safety Team (CST) has developed the City of London's Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance document and a further briefing document for the departments within the City Corporation who have responsibility for further education.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

The CST is the lead for Prevent within the City Corporation. Prevent aims to stop individuals from being drawn into terrorism or supporting terrorism. The CST has a number of functions with regards to Prevent, including training stakeholders, businesses and our communities, raising awareness and providing education, constructing policies and co-ordinating multi-agency 'Channel Panels'.

Current Position

1. The CST has developed a Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance document (see Appendix 1) to support internal departments and external stakeholders with Prevent duty and Channel Panel responsibilities. This was approved by the Safer City Partnership Strategy Board 25 May 2021. The policy required members cited in the 'Channel representatives' section to confirm their organisation's lead contact, who would be responsible for attending any future Channel Panels. As of September 2021, this is complete.

Channel Panels are an essential element of Prevent delivery. Should a referral be made to the CST or the City of London Police, due to a concern that an individual may be being drawn into terrorism, a multi-agency Channel Panel will be organised. The panel brings together a number of key agencies that are either already involved with the individual, or can provide a supportive role going forward.

2. The CST has additionally prepared a draft Internal Further Education Prevent Guidance (see Appendix 2) to highlight to departments and learners, the Home Office's overall guidance and responsibilities for further education providers and establishments. If Members wish to comment on this document, please email ali.burlington@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Options

3. None

Proposals

4. None

Key Data

5. None

Corporation and Strategic Implications

6. Strategic implications – Prevent is about safeguarding individuals and communities. The Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance, and the Internal Further Education Prevent Guidance contribute significantly to the City Corporation's aim that 'People are safe and feel safe' as it equips our staff, learners and partner organisations with the tools and training to detect, deter and safeguard people from becoming involved in terrorism.
7. Financial implications – None
8. Resource implications – None

9. Legal implications – None

10. Risk implications – None

11. Equalities implications – Equalities Impact Assessment completed May 2021.

Conclusion

12. The policy and guidance documents have been developed to provide informative instructions to internal departments, external partners and learners regarding the City Corporation's policies and procedures to safeguard individuals with regard to Prevent and Channel Panels.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance
- Appendix 2 – Internal Further Education Prevent Guidance

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