

Committee:	Date:
Safer City Partnership	24 September 2015
Subject: Prevent	Public
Report of: Projects Officer Community Safety Team	For Information
Summary	
Update as per the delivery of Prevent sits within the Corporations statutory responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for Local Authorities to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.	
Recommendation(s)	
Members are asked to note the following:	

Main Report

Background

The work of both the National and local Prevent strategies' operate in **pre criminal space**, with an emphasis of early intervention to safeguard people against being drawn into terrorism and ultimately carrying out an act or acts of terrorism. The Prevent is part of CONTEST, the overall counter-terrorism strategy. The four key elements of CONTEST are as follows:

- Pursue: to detect and disrupt the threat of terrorism
- Protect: to strengthen infrastructure from attack
- Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack where that attack cannot be stopped.
- Prevent: to tackle radicalisation and stop people becoming terrorists

The aim of the **National Prevent strategy** is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people **becoming** terrorists or **supporting** terrorism.

The **National Prevent strategy** has three specific strategic objectives:

1. **Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;**
2. **Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and**
3. **Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address**

In March 2015 the Home Office issued guidance for agencies deemed as specified authorities in England and Wales as per the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. "To have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". The duty is applied to day to day business operations and the guidance set out how the Prevent duty should be fulfilled.

Current Position

- **Venue and Space Hire**, City of London Police is working with the Corporation regarding risk and protective factors specific for the City of London.
- **Prevent Information Sharing Agreement 2015** has been referred to the COLP Director of information for further scrutiny regarding information management.
- **Channel referrals**. The City of London Police **Channel Police Practitioner** is currently working with an individual.
- **Communication: Prevent Road map has been promoted via the COLC intranet.**
Post incident counter narrative communication: required post incidents as extremists seek to sway information regarding incidents to meet their agenda and recruit new members.
- **Training - workshops to raise awareness about Prevent – WRAP3, home office accredited:**
Lunchtime learning seminars – City and Hackney Community Safety Prevent Leads have delivered WRAP3 training at seminars arranged by the City and Hackney Children's Safeguarding Board – Hackney, Tomlinson Centre 22/07/15 and Guildhall 16/09/15. Further opportunities to present referral pathways and further information as per each borough.

The City of London Community Safety Prevent lead has delivered WRAP3 training to colleagues on Wednesday's, 5 August 2015 - 22 September 2015. Attendees have included colleagues from Children and Young People safeguarding leads, libraries, rough sleeping outreach and Mungo'sbroadway.

In addition to this, the City of London Community Safety Prevent lead is working with the NHS to deliver 4 half day Prevent Awareness sessions for tier 2 health professionals, GP's, safeguarding leads and corporation staff.

Prevent duty, safeguarding, roadmap including channel process discussed has been produced and promoted within the corporation departments.

City of London Prevent Strategy was approved at the Court of Common Council in June 2015.

- **Prevent delivery plan – quarterly meetings** with the Prevent and Safeguarding leads from Specified Authorities relevant to the City of London is being progressed. The aim is to include internal Safeguarding Champions and external Prevent leads and Safeguarding Champions from Health, Probation, Further and Higher Education.
- ***Promote Community Cohesion and inclusion**

The initial development of the Corporation and Safer City Partnership responses to the Prevent Duty such as the Prevent roadmap, Channel referral pathway and processes and the wider annual delivery plan are now in place.

As of 1 October 2015 all future queries regarding the ongoing delivery Safer City Partnership responses to the Prevent Duty, Channel enquiries and actions relating to the ongoing work within the Prevent delivery plan should be directed to David Mackintosh – Community Safety Manager.