

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Safer City Partnership	2 March 2016
<b>Subject:</b> Prevent Activity	
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk <b>Report Author:</b> David MackIntosh – Manager, Community Safety Team	<b>Public</b>  <b>For Information</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
To update Safer City Partnership Members on Prevent activity within the City of London.	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	
Members are asked to note the report.	

## Background

1. Prevent forms part of CONTEST, the UK's Counter Terrorism Strategy (other elements being Pursue, Protect and Prepare)., The focus of Prevent lies primarily on early intervention before any illegal activity takes place and hence operates in the non-criminal space. Under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, a duty is placed on the City of London Corporation in the exercise of its functions, to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. The related National Prevent Strategy outlines three strategic strands to help inform our local response. These are set out below:

**Ideology:** This involves the challenging of radical ideology and the disruption the ability of terrorist groups to promote it. This will include a greater number of projects around education, communities and the criminal justice system.

**Supporting Vulnerable Victims:** To build upon existing multi-agency frameworks to identify and support people at risk of radicalisation. This will include the use of the Channel process and draw on expertise from local authorities, policing and other partnership organisations including community organisations.

**Working with other sectors:** Priority areas include education, faith, health, criminal justice and charities. There should be no 'ungoverned spaces' in which extremism is allowed to flourish without firm challenge and where appropriate legal intervention.

2. The Prevent Strategy places an emphasis on local delivery and partnerships. While the role of policing is important, Prevent is not solely a policing programme. It requires a multi-agency response – key partners include Local Authorities, Schools, Higher Education, Further Education, the Health Sector, Prisons and Probation.
3. The City of London is designated by the Home Office as a non- priority area although we are bordered by boroughs which are considered priority areas and therefore attract central government funding. The Community Safety Manager is also the City of London Corporation Prevent Co-ordinator.
4. Channel is part of the Prevent strategy. It is a referral pathway that provides a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. It can be seen as part of our safe-guarding framework.

### **Current Situation**

5. Over recent months we have continued to work closely with CoLP colleagues and have continued to promote awareness of the Prevent strategy. This has included meetings with numerous colleagues to discuss the specific implications for their work areas. For example the Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) meeting of 28 January. The Prevent Co-ordinator has also reported recently to the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Board.
6. Work has been undertaken to identify lead officers within each department of the Corporation. This has established a network to circulate Prevent information and begin to scope training needs.
7. The City of London Prevent Co-ordinator has established links with the neighbouring boroughs. Information and practice is being shared.
8. Making the language of Prevent appropriate for schools (and indeed for other contexts) is acknowledged and will be part of the work plan (below).

### **Channel Referrals**

9. There have been no Channel referrals for the last period.

### **WRAP Training**

10. Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) is the Home Office training package to help educate people on the dangers of radicalisation and on how to deal with concerns. CoLP have provided a valuable resource in providing WRAP training within the City. The COLP Prevent Team have worked with the City of

London Children Services to develop and deliver workshops for children in care and foster carers. These have been deemed a success and further workshops are being planned for those wishing to become foster parents. There have also been a number of Prevent briefings for Young Apprentices at Job Wise training and for the Adult Skills and Education team.

11. The CoLP Prevent Team have continued to engage with community groups to provide re-assurance and confidence to report safeguarding concerns. Part of this process was to work with the Portsoken Mohilla Group to develop a Summer Fun Day on the Mansell Street Estate to bring all communities together. Prevent inputs have been given to the City of London Police Cadets.
12. On 13 January the CoL Prevent lead completed his WRAP training and is now authorised to deliver this himself.

### **Future Developments**

13. Prevent is one of the key priorities identified within the emerging Safer City Partnership strategic plan. Specific planned work streams include WRAP training (including the training of other Corporation staff to deliver WRAP), building on the recently established network of key contacts and the development of a structure to better support education institutions based in, or connected to, the City.
14. A Prevent Open Day (in collaboration with the CoLP Prevent team) for Corporation staff– planned for 24 March.
15. Event (again with CoLP collaboration) for Higher Education Institutions in the City to support work around their Prevent duty.