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| Key Decision: | Yes |
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**CABINET
1 FEBRUARY, 2016
PREVENT ACTION PLAN**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval of this Council's Prevent Action Plan produced in response to duties placed on the Council by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve the Prevent Action Plan attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 That Cabinet approve the further development of the Action Plan as a result of activity undertaken and in response to emerging issues and guidance at both a national and local level.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies (which includes District Councils) when exercising their functions to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism." Statutory guidance has been issued to assist in identifying what this means in practice.
- 3.2 Staffordshire County Council have produced a Staffordshire Prevent Delivery Plan, and the Cannock Chase Action Plan complements that document by setting out the actions to be delivered locally by this Council.

- 3.3 The Home Office has provided funding of £10,000 for the 2015/16 financial year to support the Council in delivering its Prevent duties. This funding will be paid in respect of claims submitted for expenditure incurred. It is not a lump sum grant.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:
- (i) Working with partners to foster safer and stronger communities.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The UK has a strategy for countering terrorism: CONTEST. The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. The strategy continues to be based around four main areas of work:

- Pursue: the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks;
- Prevent: work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and extremism;
- Protect: improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack; and
- Prepare: working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 strengthened powers and capabilities in the "Pursue", "Prevent", and "Protect" areas of work in particular.

- 5.2 The Prevent Strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

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

- 5.3 The Prevent strategy deals with all forms of terrorism and with non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists then exploit.

- 5.4 Staffordshire has a multi-agency Prevent Board which this Council is a member of. The Board has overseen the production and delivery of the Staffordshire Prevent Delivery Plan. Each member organisation provides regular updates to the Board on progress in addressing Prevent in their organisation or area.

- 5.5 An essential element of delivering the Councils Prevent duty is to raise awareness of relevant issues amongst staff, elected members, and partner organisations. This is achieved by awareness raising sessions known as WRAP (Workshops Raising Awareness of Prevent). One member of the Council's Partnerships team has been trained and is now accredited by the Home Office as a WRAP facilitator. WRAP sessions will be delivered to staff and elected members commencing in February 2016.
- 5.6 The Home Office has provided funding of £10,000 for the 2015/16 financial year to support the Council in delivering its Prevent duties. This funding will be paid in respect of claims submitted for expenditure incurred. It is not a lump sum grant.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

The Financial Implications are detailed in section 5.6 of the report.

6.2 Legal

None.

6.3 Human Resources

There are some training and awareness requirements which will be delivered via WRAP. In any and all actions required under the prevent strategy the Council must continue to be aware of its general and specific duties under the Equality Act to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

This Prevent Strategy and action plan has been produced in response to the duty imposed by Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None.

6.6 Data Protection

Any sharing of data required will be undertaken in accordance with Data Protection Act requirements and data sharing protocols.

6.7 Risk Management

This Prevent Strategy and action plan has been produced in response to the duty imposed by Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Failure to discharge this duty would be a risk to the Council.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

The formulation and delivery of the Action Plan has and will take into account all equality and diversity requirements.

6.9 Best Value

None.

7 Appendices to the Report

Appendix 1 Cannock Chase Council Prevent Action Plan 2015-17

Previous Consideration

None.

Background Papers

Prevent Duty Statutory Guidance.

Cannock Chase Council Prevent Action Plan 2015 - 2017

Introduction

The Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism in the Home Office works to counter the threat from terrorism. Their work is covered in the government's counter-terrorism strategy – CONTEST.

The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the UK (and its interests overseas) from terrorism so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

Prevent is one of the 4 “P”s outlined within the National CONTEST Strategy: Prepare (for attacks); Protect (the public); Pursue (the attackers) and Prevent (this radicalisation in the first place).

National Prevent Strategy

The Counter – Terrorism and Security Act received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015. The Act will disrupt the ability of people to travel abroad to engage in terrorist activity and then return to the UK, enhance the ability of operational agencies to monitor and control the actions of those who pose a threat, and combat the underlying ideology that feeds, supports and sanctions terrorism.

The Strategy was updated on 3rd September 2014 and covers all forms of terrorism, including far right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism; however Central Government prioritises the work according to the risks.

The Home Office works with local authorities, a wide range of government departments, and community organisations to deliver the Prevent strategy. The police also play a significant role in Prevent, in much the same way as they do when taking a preventative approach to other crimes.

The Channel Process

The Channel process uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners (such as the education and health sectors, social services, children's and youth services and offender management services), the police and the local community to identify individuals at risk of being drawn into

terrorism; to assess the nature and extent of that risk and to develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned. Channel is about safeguarding children and adults from being drawn into committing terrorist-related activity.

The Channel process is about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before illegality occurs. Central Government guidance on Channel provides advice for local partnerships on how to deliver Channel projects explains why people may turn towards terrorism and describe indicators which may suggest they are doing so and provides advice on the support that can be provided to safeguard those at risk of being targeted by terrorists and radicalisers

Cannock Chase Prevent Action Plan

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies, including District Councils, when exercising their functions to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.” Statutory guidance has been issued to assist in identifying what this means in practice.

The Cannock Chase Prevent Action Plan will stand alongside the Community Safety Delivery Plan, but will not incorporate any actions towards the work detailed with the Community Safety Delivery Plan as it needs to focus specifically at preventing extremism.

Within the Prevent Strategy nationally are 3 strands:

Ideology – responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it

Individuals – preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring they are given appropriate advice and support

Institutions – working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation

Cannock Chase Prevent Action Plan

The Action Plan 2015-17 priorities the work according to the risks faced within the district.

| Cannock Chase Prevent Action Plan 2015 – 2017 | | | | |
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| Activity | Resources / Lead Officer | Actions | Timescales | RAG |
| Ideology – responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it | | | | |
| Identify prejudices | CACH | What are the symptoms of the prejudices shown by perpetrators of Hate Crime – are any showing signs of extremism? | Ongoing | G |
| Identify any local experts | Staffordshire Police Schools Further Education Premises BRFC | | Ongoing | G |
| Channel | Channel Co-ordinator Staffordshire Police Prevent Lead | Refer any individuals with extremist ideologies to Prevent Team at Staffordshire Police, who have the expertise to challenge the theology behind these views | Ongoing | G |
| Individuals – preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring they are given appropriate advice and support | | | | |
| Training package for all | Partnership Team Cannock | Liaise with all schools in Cannock Chase to offer | May 2016 | A |

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| schools in Cannock Chase | Chase Council | WRAP training to staff and governors. Linked in with the Lets Work Together programme. | | |
| Training package for further and higher education | Partnership Team Cannock Chase Council | Liaise with South Staffordshire College – Cannock to offer WRAP training to staff and governors. Linked in with the Lets Work Together programme. | May 2016 | A |
| WRAP training workshop to raise awareness of Prevent | Partnership Team Cannock Chase Council | As part of the Lets Work Together programme WRAP training to be made available to partner organisations, (including schools and other educational establishments as above), voluntary sector and private sector organisations, local traders/business, local elected members and parish councillors. | March 2016 | A |
| Commissioning and Budgets | Partnership Team Cannock Chase Council Staffordshire County Council | Build Prevent outcomes into funding and commissioning requirements. | Ongoing | G |
| Social Media | Partnership Team Cannock Chase Council Marketing & Communications Cannock Chase Council Staffordshire Police CACH Schools | Using twitter / facebook accounts through, the Partnership Team and Cannock Chase Council to raise awareness and understanding. | Ongoing | G |

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| Signposting | Cannock Chase Council Staffordshire Police CACH Community Safety Hub BRFC | Advising the public if they identify anything suspicious. Contributing to data collection and analysis and using this to focus communications. Cannock Chase Emergency Planning & Business Contingency Forum. | Ongoing | G |
| Awareness Raising Session on British Values | Cannock Chase Council | British Values awareness raising session to be delivered to schools across the district and partners | March 2016 | A |
| Institutions – working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation | | | | |
| Local Establishments | Community Safety Hub Lets Work Together | Raise Awareness and understating / signposting | Ongoing | G |
| County Organisations | SCC / BRFC | Linking Prevent with adult and children safeguarding routes | | R |
| Employers | Cannock Chase Council | Build into workforce, inductions, training, recruitment and selection process | March 2016 | A |