

## **External Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 October 2018

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### **Prevent**

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### **Executive Summary**

To receive an update on Prevent delivery across Lancashire including the Channel process.

### **Recommendation**

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the partnership arrangements to deliver the Prevent agenda across Lancashire.

### **Background and Advice**

In June 2018 the Government launched their revised and strengthened CONTEST Strategy which continues to include the 4 P's: Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare. The updated strategy reflects the findings of a fundamental review of all aspects of counter terrorism, building on progress since the 2011 strategy and the need to evolve to counter new and emerging threats, the changes in worldwide situations and lessons learnt following the Manchester and London attacks in the past year.

The aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism – safeguarding individuals and communities.

The Prevent objectives are:

- Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support.
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 placed a duty on local authorities and other specified authorities to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Known as the Prevent Duty. In Lancashire we have a robust governance structure to ensure that the requirements of the duty are met.

If it is thought an individual is vulnerable to becoming drawn to extremism, concerns are referred in to the pan Lancashire Channel panel which is co-ordinated by Blackburn with Darwen (BwD) unitary council. The chair is the BwD safeguarding lead and the vice-chairs are the Lancashire County Council and Blackpool unitary council's safeguarding leads. The panel also includes representatives from the police, social services, education, child safeguarding and other keyworkers. The panel evaluates whether the individual identified needs support by considering their vulnerability. This is done using an assessment framework.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

Counter Terrorism

Meeting the requirements of the Prevent Duty will prevent the risk of an individual becoming a terrorist or supporting terrorism.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Contest Strategy 2018	June 2018	Pam Smith <a href="tel:530591">Tel:530591</a>
Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Prevent Duty	July 2015	Pam Smith <a href="tel:530591">Tel:530591</a>

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A