



EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Wellbeing
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Adults and Health
DATE:	Thursday, 13 October 2022

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Public Health Prevention and Wellbeing
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
KEY DECISION:	Y

SUBJECT: Prevent Local Delivery 2022/2023

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prevent forms part of the UK's national counter-terrorism strategy, as one of the four P's (Prevent, Prepare, Protect & Pursue)

The overarching objectives for Prevent¹ are to:

- 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; and
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

Lancashire is a priority area nationally and is funded by the Home Office to provide dedicated resources to deliver against these priorities. Blackburn with Darwen is the host and lead authority for the Lancashire team and Prevent programme sub regionally, and is the recipient of the grant funding.

This report notes the grant allocation issued to Blackburn with Darwen for 2022-23 and requests approval from the Executive Board to spend against it.

The Home Office Allocation for 2022-23 is £597,284.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

- Notes the funding package being made available to Lancashire, through Blackburn with Darwen to meet the costs of 2022/23 Prevent Local Delivery.

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/716907/140618_CCS207_CCS0218929798-1_CONTEST_3.0_WEB.pdf

- Approves expenditure against this budget in discharging the requirements of the grant conditions.

3. BACKGROUND

The Home Office run an annual cross-Government Prevent prioritisation process to inform the allocation of resource to meet the threat in local authorities. Data from key stakeholders is used to rank local authorities by their Prevent-related threat.

In 2019, the Home Office assessed that BwD was no longer a priority area in their own right. However the risk and threat to Lancashire as a whole, placed it in the top four nationally and they approached Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC) to establish a 'Centre of Excellence' to oversee Prevent delivery for Lancashire.

The Home Office have provided an annual grant for staff and project delivery which would enable the Prevent Coordinator to implement a delivery plan which incorporates resources to risk across the Lancashire footprint.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

Prevent local delivery is already in operation, and it is imperative that support is delivered to vulnerable people at risk of radicalisation in a timely manner. The council as the lead authority needs to ensure the consistency of this support to effectively reduce identified vulnerabilities to radicalisation and keep people safe.

It is also important that Prevent funded projects should meet the local threat covering specific areas, institutions and groups identified as being at risk to radicalisation. Activity should focus on high priority local threats / hot spots. The specific outcomes of the Projects are:

- mitigate local Prevent threats
- increased resilience of those most vulnerable to radicalisation
- provide counter-narrative projects that seek to build resilience, within individuals and/or communities, by addressing risk factors
- provide the skills and confidence, within individuals and/or communities, to resist the threat posed by extremist influences
- Increased knowledge and awareness of the causes and signs of radicalisation

Impact of delivery:

Increased community resistance to terrorist narratives; greater awareness of the signs of radicalisation and supporting vulnerable people at risk of radicalisation.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no change or impact on current BwD policy. This is a continuation of a long established team and programme

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding

- Following a bid for Lancashire Prevent Local Delivery 2022/2023 the Home Office agreed to provide an annual grant agreement for the following amount: £597,284
- Waivers have been completed and approved for 2022-23 project delivery and interventions.

- There is no match funding requirement from the Borough Council.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Resources required of the programme are funded through the programme.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Consultation with Home Office Homeland Security, Counter Terrorism Police North West, organisations/ companies responsible for project delivery, LA Prevent Leads, Lancashire Prevent Education Officer

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

VERSION: 1

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DATE: 06/09/2022

BACKGROUND PAPER:	
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