

## Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Wards: ALL

**Subject: Implementation of the *Prevent* Duty Task Group – action plan**

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### Recommendations:

- A. The Panel review and discuss the attached action plan (Appendix 1) detailing progress on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Action Plan: *Prevent* Duty task group recommendations report presented to Cabinet on 25 June 2018.

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a six month review of the agreed action plan to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny (CYP) Panel to demonstrate how the recommendations of the *Prevent* Duty Task Group have been implemented.

### 2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel has recognised the importance of the role schools play in their implementation of the *Prevent* duty to help keep children and young people from risk of radicalisation. The terms of reference for the task group were agreed as follows:
- 2.1.1 To examine the full range of *Prevent* practice being delivered in Merton's schools including primary, secondary and special settings;
- 2.1.2 To identify practice that is effective and innovative as well as any specific challenges faced in delivering the duty and how these are addressed by schools;
- 2.1.3 To consider the support provided by borough Police and the wider Merton Safeguarding Children's Board partnership (which includes schools themselves);
- 2.1.4 To identify any additional support that school practitioners would welcome being provided by Merton's *Safer and Stronger Partnership*;
- 2.1.5 To look at how schools work to safeguard their pupils from being stigmatised by the duty; and
- 2.1.6 To collate, celebrate and disseminate *Prevent* practice happening in Merton's schools to assist local practitioners and those outside of the borough.

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. Members were mindful of the four terror attacks that happened in just three months between the end of March and the end of June 2017, (Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park). In commissioning the task group their aspiration was to highlight, collate and share *Prevent* practice as well as support the Merton community to work collectively to prevent radicalisation.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

No alternative options offered at this stage.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1 The task group consulted with officers, members of the local community, primary and secondary schools.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1 The task group's final report was presented to Cabinet in June 2018. This is the first update provided on action against the recommendations.

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 None

### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None

- 8 Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications

None

### **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None.

### **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None.

### **11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

Appendix 1 – Action Plan

### **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1 The final report of the Prevent task group Annex 1.