

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I FOR INFORMATION

PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM COORDINATING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee about the work of the Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) Coordinating Group including activity to meet the Prevent Duty created by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (CTSA) 2015 .

2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the work of the PVE Coordinating Group and the Group's Prevent action plan (at appendix A).

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Five Year Plan

3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities 2016 - 2020

The action plan at appendix A supports delivery of the following Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016 – 2020 priority: Protecting vulnerable children and young people.

3b. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The Wellbeing Board's Safeguarding Protocol 2016/17 recommends that the PVE Coordinating Group will contribute information to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as part of its annual update.

3c. Five Year Plan Outcomes 2016 - 2020

The action plan at Appendix A supports delivery against each of the following Five Year Plan outcomes:

- 4 - Slough will be one of the safest places in the Thames Valley.
- 5 - Children and young people will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances.

4. Other Implications

(a) Financial - There are no financial implications directly resulting from the recommendation of this report.

(b) Risk Management - There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

(c) Human Rights Act and other legal implications - There are no Human Rights Act implications associated with the proposed action.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) – An EIA is not required for this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The public sector has a key role to play in preventing people from being drawn into terrorism. In September 2014 Slough Borough Council established a new multi-agency group, the PVE Coordinating Group, to bring together partners in the public and voluntary and community sectors to coordinate work in this area and provide strategic oversight. The group includes Thames Valley Police, health, Slough Children's Trust, East Berkshire College, schools, Slough Council for Voluntary Service and Aik Saath representation. The Group developed an action plan which was monitored regularly.

5.2 Following the introduction of the new Prevent Duty for local authorities and other parts of the public sector, contained within the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which sets out the need for partners to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism" the PVE Group reviewed its action plan.

5.3 As part of the review of the Slough Wellbeing Board (SWB) it has been agreed that the PVE Coordinating Group should sit under the SWB and report to the Board twice a year about its activities. This is the first of those reports.

5.4 From 2015/16 Slough became an area funded by the Home Office for Prevent work. This meant that the council received funding for a Prevent Coordinator, who started in September 2015 and for project work. Two projects were funded in 2015/16, a Young Leaders' Programme run by the Active Change Foundation and a women's project run by the Workers' Educational Association. Both projects were successful and very positive feedback was received by participants. The Home Office have confirmed that the council will continue to receive funding in 2016/17 both for the Prevent Coordinator and for two further young people and women's projects. These are both starting in September.

5.5 The action plan at Appendix A sets out the various ways in which the PVE Coordinating Group is ensuring that the Duty is met. The SWB will note work to engage local communities, including faith intuitions, staff training, and work with schools. The emphasis in all this activity is that it is set within the context of safeguarding.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 The action plan will also be shared with the following partnerships and boards in Slough shortly:

- Slough Local Safeguarding Children's Board (SLSCB)
- Slough Adult Safeguarding Board (SASB)
- Safer Slough Partnership Board (SSPB)
- Children and Young People's Partnership Board (CYPPB))
- The Council's Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP)

7. **Appendices Attached**

'A' - Prevent action plan

8. **Background Papers**

None