

## **Social Care Services Board**

Recommendation:

*"That an assessment is undertaken to establish the Council's expenditure for recent additional responsibilities to the Council following the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, 2015 passing into law."*

The lead role for Prevent, including coordinating the implementation of the legislative responsibilities, has been largely absorbed within the duties and function of the Councils Community Safety Managers post. Currently the Prevent duties take up between one to two days a week of his time and along with contributions from community safety team members the estimated cost would be in the region of £25,000.

There are other officers across the Council who have a departmental lead for Prevent but aside from attending a couple of meetings a year and maintaining a watch brief there is no great cost to the Council.

Much of the work on Prevent will be taken up with meetings, both within the Council and with partners. A few of these meetings are singularly Prevent focussed; many will be multi-agency meetings at which Prevent is only one item on a busy agenda. As such there is no additional cost to the authority.

In the latter half of 2015 – 16 all local authorities were offered some one-off funding (up to £10,000) from the Home Office in support of the additional responsibilities. In Surrey all the local authorities agreed to pool the funding to purchase training for staff, briefings for Councillors, undertake research, review governance structures and commission consultancy into targeting Prevent communications in the future. This one off expenditure has added benefit, provided knowledge and intelligence and has given us a firmer foundation for the future and the work we have ahead.

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