

1st March 2016

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Community Safety Committee about key Community Safety matters.

Information and Advice

Hate Crime training days

2. The Community Safety team has led on the delivery of three hate crime training days, which will be taking place over the next two months. These days are the first stage in the follow up actions from the 'No to Hate!' Pledge event held at the National Holocaust Centre in December 2015 and also the launch of the County Councils' Hate Crime Policy.
3. The Pledge and Hate Crime Policy include commitments to ensure that all County council staff are trained to understand and react appropriately to incidents of hate crime. These training days have been funded via the Community Safety initiatives budget and are targeted at both NCC staff and also partners in each of the three local Community Safety Partnerships.
4. These training days will be facilitated at the National Holocaust Centre (NHC) by the well-respected trainer Dr Manny Barot of Zebrared Training and former director of training at the NHC. The programme for these training days will focus on both supporting victims and understanding and challenging perpetrators of hate crime. There will also be sessions on how partners in each locality will link into existing vulnerable people's panels, the impact of new anti-social behaviour legislation and the new county wide risk assessment process.
5. During the sessions participants will also be joined by Sylvia Lancaster who will be sharing her work at the Sophie Lancaster Foundation, which focuses on creating respect for, and understanding subcultures in communities. <http://www.sophielancasterfoundation.com/>.

Louise Casey consultation – ‘Bringing Britain Together as One Nation’

6. On behalf of Central Government Louise Casey has been commissioned to carry out a national review into levels of integration and cohesion: ‘Bringing Britain Together as One Nation’. As part of this review she has circulated a letter to ‘state agencies’ (sic) requesting views and more particularly examples of good practice.
7. The Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has agreed to coordinate a response on behalf of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and a set of responses have been collated and forwarded by the Community Safety team to the OPCC. The main focus has been examples of good practice in Nottinghamshire and some suggested avenues of further research in particular into the needs of older LGBT people.
8. A separate response has also been submitted on behalf of the County Council including a range of more detailed examples of our own work to tackle integration and cohesion issues. This includes a number of projects previously reported to this Committee: “Dragons Den”, “Take Five”, “I Am”, “In our Hands” and “I Pledge”.

Preventing Violent Extremism in Nottinghamshire

9. The Community Safety Team have the lead responsibility to ensure that the County Council is well placed to deal with the risks and threats associated with terrorism. The team have been working closely with District/Borough Councils, the City Council, Notts Police, and other partners to produce a Prevent Plan for Nottinghamshire.
10. Prevent is part of the Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy launched in 2011, preventing vulnerable people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism. Prevent also aims to protect those who are vulnerable to exploitation, extremism or radicalisation from those who seek to recruit them to support their cause.
11. “Extremism” is defined by the UK Government as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.
12. As part of this strategy The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force on the 1st July 2015. This Act introduced the “Prevent Duty”. In order to comply with the Prevent Duty all local authorities should be able to demonstrate due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
13. In two tier areas the County Council and District/Borough councils need to agree proportional arrangements for sharing the assessment of risk and for agreeing local Prevent plans. All authorities, in complying with this requirement, should demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation in their area, institution or body. All authorities must comply with the Prevent Duty and demonstrate that compliance.
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Prevent Funding

15. An immediate priority for the Prevent Duty was to ensure that all staff are appropriately trained and aware of issues relating to the Prevent agenda.
16. The Home Office has agreed to provide funding to support the implementation of the new duty by allocating every non-priority local authority £10,000 towards this priority. Each district/borough council and the County Council has been allocated this sum, equating to £80,000 in total for Nottinghamshire and also £10,000 for Nottingham City Council. Home Office conditions dictate that this funding must be spent by 31 March 2016.
17. It was agreed that for the County this funding would be pooled to provide a coordinated and consistent approach. The Community Safety Team of the County Council has facilitated this process and training and awareness sessions are now being undertaken by a Home Office Accredited training provider and from within the County Council Achievement and Equality team.
18. This training will be made available to all members and will be organised by the Community Safety Team in addition to co-ordinating the development of a bespoke e-learning package for staff and partners over the next two months.
19. The Home Office have indicated that further funds will be released to develop Prevent. Details of this funding are not yet available.
20. The Community Safety Team is also working to develop and support:-
 - A standardised referral process for any Prevent related matter for all agencies/staff to adopt. This will follow the referral process developed by Nottinghamshire Police;
 - The launch of the East Midlands Prevent website (by Notts Police) in February 2016. This will give easy access to information, requirements and referrals mechanisms for all partners and other interested parties;
 - The identification of key stakeholders who will benefit from Prevent training such as supported accommodation providers, foster carers and other key groups and agencies;
 - Improved information sharing from and between all partners to give a richer and more comprehensive picture of this issue.
21. Update reports will be provided to this Committee as required.

Crime Beat Awards 2016.

22. Young People working with Nottinghamshire County Council and partners have submitted a record number of seven submissions to this year's National Crime Beat Awards. The awards are organised on behalf of all High Sheriffs to recognise the most innovative and successful crime prevention projects carried out by young people in England and Wales. The national awards final will take place in March in London.
23. Six of the nominations came from the Community Safety team:
- Dragon's Den Style project 7 – Hate Crime Focus Group working with Ashfield secondary and primary schools (tackling prejudice and hate crime)
 - Take Five at School project – Bassetlaw secondary and primary schools (mindful resilience building)
 - 'The Girl in the Room with the Box' film project – youth service based in Worksop (raising awareness of on-line grooming and exploitation)
 - I-pledge To Keep On Track project – County-wide primary schools (youth crime prevention)
 - Know More project – Holgate Academy, Ashfield (promoting healthy relationships)
 - GRT History Month – A number of schools in Ollerton (promoting tolerance and respect)
24. The nominations have generated a lot of media interest with Notts TV broadcasting interviews about each of the projects over a number of weeks. This is a good celebration of important work with a range of partners and young people to help them identify and positively address the issues young people say matter to them today, such as cyber-bullying and health and wellbeing.

Other Options Considered

25. None

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

26. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various Development's in the areas of work contained in this report.
27. The report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of local and national developments and out community safety work.

Statutory and Policy Implications

28. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable

adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

29. This report contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within the existing service budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

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Constitutional Comments

As this report is for noting only no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (KAS 02/02/2016)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 29 of the report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Home Office 'Prevent Action Plan'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

