



Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

Date: 23 June 2008

Report Title: Counter-Terrorism Update

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1. Purpose

1.1 To propose a Counter-Terrorism Partnership Group to manage an action plan aimed at reducing the threat from terrorism in the London Borough of Haringey.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the formation of a Counter-Terrorism Partnership Group, reporting to the SCEB is agreed.

2.2 That the framework for the Action Plan is agreed, subject to further development work.

3. Background

3.1 The terrorist threat to the UK is severe and long-term. London, as a world city, is likely to remain as a terrorist target for many years to come. While Haringey is not likely to be a prime target, there are a number of sites that may be of interest to terrorists. Furthermore the risk exists that attempts will be made to foster extremist views and organisations in the borough, leading to future acts of terrorism.

3.2 Community relations in Haringey are generally excellent. The challenge for the whole community is to build on this to ensure the borough is an environment that is resilient to terrorist attacks and hostile to terrorist activities.

4. Aims and Objectives

4.1 The aim of the Counter-terrorism Partnership Group, and the Action Plan, is to ensure a joined up approach across the partnership to actions aimed at reducing the threat from terrorism in the London Borough of Haringey.

4.2 The objectives are to support the Governments' strategy for countering terrorism. The four strands of this strategy have been adapted to the following proposed objectives:

- To prevent violent extremism by working in partnership with relevant communities, capacity building among young people, tackling disadvantage and discrimination, promoting community cohesion and challenging extreme ideologies.
- To support the police in gathering intelligence
- To reduce the vulnerability of key sites within the borough
- To ensure the borough is prepared for consequences of terrorism.

5. Accountability and governance

5.1 This action plan will be managed by a Counter-Terrorism Partnership Group, meeting on a quarterly basis, and chaired by the Superintendent Wayne Mawson, Haringey MPS. The deputy chair will be Jean Croot, Head of Safer Communities, Haringey Council.

5.2 The meeting will be attended by officers from:

- Haringey Council:
 - i. Community Safety
 - ii. Emergency Planning and Business Continuity
 - iii. Urban Environment – Frontline Services
 - iv. Equalities and Diversity
 - v. Property Services
 - vi. Health & Safety Officer, Children and Young People's Service
- Metropolitan Police Service
- London Fire Brigade
- Homes for Haringey
- CONEL
- Haringey Accord
- Registered Social Landlords
- Relevant Community Leaders

5.3 The Chair will report on the progress against the action plan to the Safer Communities Executive Board.

6. Benefits

6.1 The key benefits envisaged in this approach are:

- Ensuring ongoing engagement and information sharing on counter-terrorism across the partnership
- Ensuring that the work taking place to counter the threat of terrorism is joined up, coherent and comprehensive

- Bringing the Counter-terrorism work under the partnership governance arrangements, providing clear lines of reporting and escalation.

6.2 It is not envisaged that, initially, new work streams will be created by the formation of the CT Partnership Group, but that by bring a number of pieces of existing work together, they will be more effective than as standalone pieces of work.

7. Draft Action Plan

No	Action	Overview	Due Date	Progress	Lead officer
Strand 1: Prevent. " <i>The PREVENT strand is concerned with tackling the radicalisation of individuals.</i> "					
1.1	Community Cohesion	Council's Community Cohesion Strategy			Head of Policy and Performance
1.2	Preventing violent extremism	NI35 is in the LAA for 2008/11. The strategy and performance management structure will be developed under this process	April 08		TBC – (Police Projects Officer / Head of Policy and Performance)
Strand 2: Pursue. " <i>The PURSUE strand is concerned with reducing the terrorist threat to the UK and to UK interests overseas by disrupting terrorists and their operations.</i> "					
2.1	Support the police in intelligence gathering.	Protocol for discrete provision of information, whilst complying with the DPA.			
2.2	Reporting suspicious activities	Training key people to recognise and report suspicious activities			
Strand 3: Protect. " <i>The PROTECT strand is concerned with reducing the vulnerability of the UK and UK interests overseas.</i> "					
3.1	Safer by design	Review of Planning Policy for public realm developments to ensure resilient design.			Director of Urban Environment

3.2	Review of vulnerable premises	A risk register of vulnerable premises should be developed in partnership with the Police to establish whether further security measures need to be implemented			CTSA, Director Urban Environment
Strand 4: Prepare. "The PREPARE strand is concerned with ensuring that the UK is as ready as it can be for the consequences of a terrorist attack."					
4.1	Emergency Plans and LESLP Procedures	Plans for ensuring that partners are able to respond to emergencies affecting the borough.	Ongoing	Plans and procedures are in place, regularly reviewed training and exercising is in place.	Haringey Emergency Planning Partnership
4.3	Action plan during heightened threat level	Council Action plan for heightened vigilance and community reassurance during heightened threat levels.	April 2008	Draft prepared	Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager
4.4	Encouraging community resilience	Communications plan for encouraging residents and businesses to prepare for emergency incidents.	April 2009		Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager
4.5	Community Cohesion Contingency Plan	Contingency Plan for dealing with threats to/breakdown of community relations.	2008/9	Awaiting guidance from GOL.	TBC