

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

DATE: 10-02-2022

LOCATION: Virtual meeting

TITLE: CONTEST – The UK Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide Scrutiny with an update on the arrangements in place in Ceredigion, across the region and nationally to deliver CONTEST

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: As the designated Scrutiny Committee for taking an overview of the Community Safety Partnership and it’s sub-groups

BACKGROUND:

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires all specified authorities to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. Specified authorities are identified as: Local Authorities; Police; Prisons; Young Offenders Institutions; Probation Services; Schools; Colleges; Universities and Health.

The UK Government’s CONTEST Strategy for Countering Terrorism (June 2018) reinforces the use of the tried and tested strategic framework for delivery known as the ‘four Ps’ work strands:

Prevent - to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

Protect - to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack

Pursue - to stop terrorist attacks

Prepare - to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

Officers from the Partnerships and Performance Service facilitate and Chair the Ceredigion CONTEST Board that meets quarterly and is a sub-group of the Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Board leads on theme 2 of the Ceredigion CSP Delivery Plan and works together to respond to the national CONTEST agenda, with a particular focus on delivery of the Prevent requirement to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Appendix 1 provides further information on CONTEST and the arrangements in place locally, regionally and nationally to ensure coordinated planning and response to this agenda.

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS: **Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why** Not completed as the report is not a Policy or Service change.

Summary:
Long term:
Integration:
Collaboration:
Involvement:
Prevention:

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To receive an update on the on the arrangements in place in Ceredigion, across the region and nationally to deliver CONTEST

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

In order for the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee to be updated on the current arrangements to deliver CONTEST, and to be aware of the contribution of council staff in this important work.

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Acronyms: CONTEST – UK Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy