



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

23 June 2021

Report Title:	Cabinet Response to Prevent Strategy Spotlight Review
Cabinet Portfolio	Safer, Stronger Communities
Cabinet Member	Councillor Jeanie Bell
Exempt Report	No
Reason for Exemption	N/A
Key Decision	No
Public Notice issued	N/A
Wards Affected	All
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Borough priorities	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	
	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	
	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all	X
	Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	
	Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	
	Be a responsible Council	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents Cabinet with a proposed Action Plan to the recommendations made by the Place Services Scrutiny Committee following completion of a recent Spotlight Review into the Prevent Strategy in St Helens.

2. Recommendations for Decision

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) **Note the report**
- ii) **Approve the Action Plan attached at Appendix 1 to the recommendations made in the recent Spotlight Review.**
- iii) **Agree to submit the response to the recommendations made to the Place Services Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2021.**

3. Purpose of this Report

- 3.1 To outline the proposed Action Plan in response to the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review.

4. Background /Reasons for the recommendations

- 4.1 At the meeting on 21 April 2021, Cabinet received a report that presented the findings and recommendations made by members of the Place Services Scrutiny Committee following a recent Spotlight Review into the Prevent Strategy and its operation in St Helens.
- 4.2 Following consideration of the report, Cabinet resolved to receive a response to the recommendations of the Task Group for consideration. Attached at Appendix One is the proposed response to the recommendations made by the Spotlight Review.
- 4.3 In response to the recommendations made, action has already been taken to ensure that Elected Members receive further information on Prevent, including the scheduling of training for newly

elected members in July 2021 and the inclusion of further information in the induction packs provided to Members.

- 4.4 A further recommendation of the Spotlight Review was to ensure that the Place Services Scrutiny Committee receives further updates on the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on those vulnerable to exploitation. It has been proposed that the Chair of the Place Services Scrutiny Committee determines a future date for the Committee to receive a further update on the impact of the pandemic on this service area and on the wider Prevent Strategy for the borough.
- 4.5 In relation to the final recommendation made in the Spotlight Review, further work has been undertaken in partnership with Carmel College to progress the collaboration with the Performing Arts Department on the production of social media messages for the St Helens Council Facebook page. Further bespoke training sessions are also being developed for education providers. It is proposed that the Place Services Scrutiny Panel receives a further update on the impact of this activity during 2021/22.

5. Community Impact Assessment

- 5.1 This report does not require the completion of a Community Impact Assessment.

6 Consideration of Alternatives

- 6.1 There is a requirement within the Council's Constitution for a member of the Cabinet, nominated by the Leader, to provide a response to the report and recommendations submitted by Place Services Scrutiny Committee.

7 Conclusions

- 7.1 Following the conclusion of the Spotlight Review and the submission of the recommendations for consideration by Cabinet in April 2021, there has been progress made in delivering against the actions proposed by the Place Services Scrutiny Review. The remaining actions relate to the requirement for the Committee to maintain oversight of the impact of the pandemic on the strategy and to receive updates on the evaluation of future planned interventions.
- 7.2 The response to the recommendations made will be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Place Services Scrutiny Committee on 6 July 2021.

8. Implications

8.1 Legal Implications

- 8.1.1 There are no new legal implications emerging from this report.

8.2 Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Implications

8.2.1 Social Value

- 8.2.1.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.2.2 Sustainability and Environment

- 8.2.2.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.2.3 Health and Wellbeing

8.2.3.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.2.4 Equality and Human Rights

8.2.4.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.3 Customers and Resident

8.3.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.4 Asset and Property

8.4.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.5 Staffing and Human Resource

8.5.1 There are no implications emerging from this report.

8.6 Risks

8.6.1 There are no known risks emerging from this report.

8.7 Finance

8.7.1 There are no financial implications emerging from this report.

8.8 Policy Framework Implications

8.8.1 The delivery of the actions identified in the report will assist in raising awareness of the Prevent Strategy, both for elected members and for the wider community. The delivery of the recommendations will also ensure further strategic oversight and review in measuring the impact of the interventions delivered. This will contribute towards the delivery of the Borough Strategy objective to 'create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.'

9. **Background papers**

Report to Cabinet – 21 April 2021 – Prevent Strategy Spotlight Review.

Report to Place Services Scrutiny Committee – 23 March 2021 – Prevent Strategy Spotlight Review.

10. **Appendices**

10.1 Appendix 1 – Cabinet Response to the Recommendations of the Spotlight Review – Prevent Strategy.