

## Tower Hamlets Prevent Delivery framework and action plan, 2012/13

## Introduction

The Tower Hamlets Community Plan aims to make the borough a better place for everyone who lives and works here. The borough's diversity is one of its greatest strengths with the richness, vibrancy and energy that our communities bring. At the heart of the Community Plan is a commitment to build One Tower Hamlets, to tackle inequality, strengthen cohesion and build community leadership and personal responsibility. These objectives are reflected in all our key strategic activities.

In committing ourselves to building One Tower Hamlets, the Tower Hamlets Partnership has made a public commitment to treating people with fairness and respect, regardless of their differences, and to live safely within the borough. From our local research we have found that people get on well together and feel it is a borough where they feel safe to live and work. Violence and extremism is not the norm rather the exception within Tower Hamlets, examples include the 1996 Docklands bombing by the IRA, 1999 nail bombing in Brick Lane by the far right extremist David Copeland and recent attempts by the English Defence League to demonstrate in the borough.

Although there are many different terrorist groups across the world, the greatest risk towards national security comes from Al Qaeda inspired terrorism.

## Prevent Background

In May 2008 the Government launched 'The Prevent Strategy: Stopping people becoming or supporting terrorists and violent extremists'. The national strategy makes clear that work on 'Prevent' has international, national and local aspects, but that "local communities need to play an integral part", with "local authorities and police forces... taking the lead in establishing effective multi-agency arrangements to develop and deliver a coordinated response". Other key partners identified in the strategy include: statutory and voluntary sector youth services; arts and cultural delivery bodies; schools, colleges and universities; the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) and Youth Offending Teams. This emphasis on partnership fits well with the culture of Tower Hamlets.

In May 2011, Mayor Lutfur Rahman opened our local Prevent conference by expressing his commitment to build on our strong track record of work in this area:

“Preventing violent extremism will always be complex and challenging but I firmly believe that our vision of One Tower Hamlets – tackling inequality, strengthening cohesion and building community leadership - fosters our local partnership to find the right answers for our borough. In 2008 we set out together to develop an approach to work on violent extremism anchored in the community. Many of you were involved in the consultation events and discussions which shaped our programme. The cohesiveness of our borough was demonstrated by the way we did not shy away from this controversial agenda – recognising the detrimental effect that violent extremism can have on people and communities. At same time, we have always challenged the Islamophobia and prejudice that can surround this issue. Following those initial discussions we had a huge community response with lots of innovative and creative ideas.... That commitment remains as strong and as important as ever.”

For the Tower Hamlets Partnership, work to reduce extremism and prevent individuals becoming radicalised is fundamental to achieving One Tower Hamlets. Work on preventing violent extremism began in 2007 but our local approach developed out of existing partnerships, approaches and programmes which had enabled us to tackle complex and contentious issues in the past. Underpinning our work has been a commitment to engaging with all communities, to listen and address concerns and work with community and statutory partners to develop appropriate interventions. We recognised from the outset that we could not achieve our aims by working in isolation and have been committed throughout to strengthening accountability and transparency. Engaging and debating with our communities has been key to increasing our own understanding of the impact on residents of extremism and its links to violence.

In 2007 we were allocated £90,000 of Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) Pathfinder funding. We used this money to fund five local projects, working with young people. In 2008 a further grant of £1.3m was made for work to deliver the national Prevent strategy in the borough over a three year period. This was the third largest amount allocated to any local authority and the highest in London. In that year the Council also adopted National Indicator 35, which measured resilience to violent extremism, as part of our Local Area Agreement.

During 2008 the PVE Team delivered a wide ranging programme of consultation with community organisations and individuals. The

consultation engaged local people in building up a picture of the risk posed by violent extremism in the borough and generated ideas about how best to increase community and individual resilience to extremists. Drawing on the outcome of this consultation we designed a framework for delivering the PVE programme which had four elements:

- **Community projects:** Engagement with vulnerable individuals not in contact with services
- **Service Development:** Build 'extremism' considerations into assessment procedures for vulnerable people
- **Community leadership:** Support for community leaders to engage in PVE debate
- **Communications**

The decision was taken to allocate the majority of the PVE funding to community groups and organisations to deliver these objectives. It was an indication of the success of the consultation process that 82 groups applied for funding, putting forward a range of proposals to work with diverse sections of the community. This is in contrast to a number of other areas which received PVE money who found it extremely difficult to engage local groups in the agenda and resorted to working with outside organisations. 28 organisations were awarded funding and work to deliver local projects began in early 2009.

### **Tower Hamlets Preventing Violent Extremism programme: Learning and evaluation**

The Tower Hamlets PVE programme 2008-11 achieved a huge amount, with a number of local projects and activities recognised locally, nationally and internationally as effective and innovative. Given that this was a new area of work for local authorities and police forces, it posed significant new challenges. Evaluating our learning was a key part of our programme and developing a new phase for work beyond 2011 provides us with an opportunity to refine and develop our approach.

In addition to on-going monitoring of projects throughout the programme, during 2010-11 we undertook three strands of evaluation work, including:

- Independent evaluation of projects funded through the PVE fund
- Peer evaluation with Lancashire Prevent Partnership, Local Government improvement and Development and the Tavistock Institute of our approach to delivering PVE work
- Commissioned DVD project to record the views of workers and participants in PVE funded projects

Key themes to emerge from these evaluations included:

- A strength of our work in Tower Hamlets has been the emphasis on working with community organisations and individuals to shape and deliver our programme, ensuring our community owns and drives our local approach
- There was an implicit trade-off in our approach between broad and deep community engagement and tight coordination of projects.
- Among the 28 projects funded, there was a wide variety of understanding about what caused violent extremism. This led to some confusion about what constituted meaningful outcomes for projects but also produced varied learning. It is clear that a wide range of factors can make someone vulnerable to involvement in extremism and violence. Our next step is to use this learning to devise interventions which draw on the best of these approaches to ensure that the needs of vulnerable individuals are understood and packages of interventions developed to meet their needs. These will include activities which address one or more of the following:
  - The social exclusion which can make people vulnerable to involvement in extremism and violence
  - The violently extreme views and beliefs held by the individual or group
  - Building the capacity of influential social networks and institutions, including families, faith organisations and peer groups

## **Strategic objectives**

The strategic objectives for the next phase of our Prevent programme are designed to enable us to respond effectively to the following:

- The achievements and learning derived from work on Prevent between 2007-11
- Our on-going commitment to One Tower Hamlets within our refreshed Community Plan 2011
- The revised national Prevent strategy
- The reduction in funding for Prevent work and wider pressure on public service finances

The objectives are:

- Target social, peer and educational support and advice to individuals identified as at risk of involvement in extremist activity and violence
- Strengthen community leadership to enable key individuals and organisations to challenge extremist ideology
- Strengthen positive social networks and institutions to increase their capacity to challenge extremism and violence and disrupt networks and organisations which are sympathetic to extremism and terrorism
- Ensure robust evaluation is built into the delivery of the Prevent programme and activities to ensure effective monitoring of impact and increased capacity of local organisations to deliver Prevent objectives
- Mainstream Prevent across all Directorates in order to increase Prevent awareness and enhance referrals for those that are vulnerable to extremism

### **Local context**

The profile of our population - the size of the borough's Muslim community, the high proportion of young people in our population and significant levels of deprivation – has put us at the forefront of developing a local response to this agenda. This needs to be put alongside our reputation for leading on cohesion and the wider diversity and equality agenda. The Muslim community in Tower Hamlets is not marginal or hard to reach – not least through the nature of our elected members. This is in contrast to the national situation and that in the majority of other local authorities. Clearly there are both big challenges and opportunities for us in engaging with this work.

This is illustrated when we consider how to recognise the threat of radicalisation and work together with members of all our communities to build resilience to extremist messages. Understanding the drivers of violent extremism is a notoriously difficult science, however early findings identify the following potential 'risk' factors:

- Low level criminality and gang mentality
- Predominantly young (often single) men are the majority of those affected by violent extremism. Adolescence is often a time when young people explore issues of faith, heritage and identity. It is also a point at which individuals may become vulnerable to extremist ideas that may help provide a spurious sense of purpose
- Structural inequalities and deprivation are not often a direct cause but most of those who have been linked to violent extremist activity are not from privileged backgrounds. Underemployment, especially where employment is not commensurate with actual or

perceived skills, education or ability and where this is not through choice or design, it can lead to frustration and a sense of grievance.

Tower Hamlets has the highest proportion of young people of any local authority area in England, with thirty six percent of our population aged between 20 and 34, compared to the national average of twenty percent. We also have high levels of deprivation with some of the poorest communities in the country living side by side with some of the richest. We have made significant achievements in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, however criminality remains a top priority for local residents. We understand that radicalisation could lead to criminality associated with terrorism and our Prevent programme is designed tackle this concern. As all local Prevent programmes across the country are funded by the Government's national security fund, there is a strong emphasis from the Home Office to solely focus on supporting vulnerable individuals that are at risk of sympathising or engaging in acts of terrorism. We are committed to ensure that our young people and others that are vulnerable are safeguarded from radicalisation, before attitudes and beliefs manifest into hate crime or support for terrorist ideologues.

The evaluation and learning from our work on PVE from 2007-11 provides a firm foundation for the development of the next phase of work. However, the context for delivering work on PVE (now Prevent) has changed significantly since 2008 in financial, political and policy terms and our refreshed approach must respond effectively to these changes which are summarised below:

- **Resources:** For 2010 -11, £3 million of grant funding is available to the priority local areas identified by the Prevent strategy. Annual funding will be awarded on a project by project basis. This must be seen in the context of much wider reduction in public sector funding. The scale of the cuts to public spending is unprecedented and between 2010-13 the Council is required to make savings of over £70 million. The funding available to support future work on Prevent is therefore much reduced and will require greater focusing of work on a tighter set of priorities and greater mainstreaming of work in core business of local partner organisations.

■ **National extremism threat:** According to the Government the threat from Al- Qaeda inspired terrorism remains high and continues to be the greatest risk to national security. ■  
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- **Local extremism threat:** [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] We have also seen evidence of different extremist groups developing which feed off each other's prejudice and hatred. Since the revision to the Prevent Action Plan in 2009 we have also seen the nature of the extremist threat in the borough widened. The English Defence League (EDL) has on two occasions publicised their intent to demonstrate in the borough, the first time in June 2010 when they targeted a conference taking place locally (the conference was cancelled and the protest did not take place) and the second in September 2011 when they applied to march through Tower Hamlets in protest against what they described as extreme Islamist elements in the borough. Though there is very limited evidence of active local support for the EDL, their messages and rhetoric and continued activity in the borough pose a significant threat to community relationships through heightened tensions and disorder and increased prominence of messages about religious hatred and extremism. In other areas we have seen an increase in activity by extremist Muslim groups in response to EDL activity and we continue to monitor for such developments locally.
- **New national strategy:** the Coalition Government published its new Prevent strategy in June 2011 following a review of the previous Government's strategy by Lord Carlile. The strategy builds on the previous approach however there are changes in emphasis and approach including:
  - Greater focus of Prevent activity on addressing the threat from terrorism as distinct from non-violent extremism
  - Distinction between work on 'integration' and preventing terrorism, with a clear statement that 'integration' is necessary but will not on its own prevent people being drawn into support for terrorism
  - Criticism of how the previous strategy targeted whole communities on the basis of faith and a new focus on interventions for 'priority areas' (of which Tower Hamlets is one), individuals and institutions, including: funding for areas where "activity by terrorist organisations and sympathisers is high" and interventions to reach as much smaller number of people who are vulnerable".
  - Support for work under three Prevent objectives:
    - Responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
    - Preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate support and advice
    - Work with sectors and institutions where there is a risk of radicalisation

Strategic objective	Description of activity	Deliverables	Benefits	Resources	Lead agency/service
Target social, peer and educational support and advice to individuals identified as at risk of involvement in extremist activity and violence	<p>Implement TH Prevent and safeguarding strategy for schools including referral process to deal with vulnerable young people at risk of radicalisation</p> <p>Convene monthly Social Inclusion Panel to identify and assess the needs of young people identified as at risk of involvement in extremist activity and violence</p> <p>Work with faith organisations to build their capacity so that the institutions are able to follow the safeguarding guidance and take part in the SIP referral</p> <p>Establish a specialist mentoring programme to deal with vulnerable young people identified at risk or already radicalised</p>	<p>e-CAF assessments for all young people referred to the Panel because of concerns about risk of involvement in extremist activity</p> <p>Action plans and monitoring arrangements in place for all young people considered at risk of involvement in extremist activity</p> <p>Offer capacity building training to mosques and madrasas</p>	Robust identification of individuals at risk of involvement in violent extremism	LBTH core funding	LBTH Children, Schools and Families Directorate (Service Head, Youth and Community Learning)



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	Convene bi-monthly Safeguarding Adults Board (Prevent) to identify and assess the needs of adults identified as at risk of involvement in extremist activity and violence	Referral assessments produced for all individuals referred to the Panel because of concerns about risk of involvement in extremist activity  Action plans and monitoring arrangements in place for all individuals accepted by the Panel for referral because of risk of involvement in extremist activity		LBTH core funding	LBTH Chief Executive's Directorate (One Tower Hamlets Service Head)
	Tri - borough project proposal - Vulnerability Identification and Intervention Programme Commission an intervention provider to work with vulnerable individuals or groups that have been identified through internal referral mechanisms.	Commission a theological intervention provider to identify and support young people at risk through workshops and one to one mentoring.	One to one support and advice provided to individuals considered at risk of involvement in extremism  Improved targeting of	£255, 346 National Prevent funding	LBTH One Tower Hamlets Service, Youth and Community Learning. In partnership with LBR and Barking and Dagenham

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			<p>Prevent- related interventions to those most at risk</p> <p>Address current gap in intervention</p> <p>Referred individuals will have access to experts knowledge that will provide de-radicalisation advice and support</p>		
	Disseminate Islam and Citizenship (ICE) Education to mainstream schools under Service Level Agreement:	Include ICE curricular model in school Brochure so that schools have the opportunity to trade the service	Increased young people's understanding of integrated Islamic and British values to challenge prejudice, extremism and violent behaviour	LBTH core funding	LBTH Children, Schools and Families Directorate (Service Head, Youth and Community Learning)

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Strengthen community leadership to enable key individuals and organisations to challenge/disrupt extremist ideology			Teachers' skills and knowledge improved in delivering lessons  Targeted young people to received end of year accreditation		
	Production of 'No Place for Hate' publicity materials for dissemination to key community venues including places of worship, commercial venues and schools and universities to mark their support for the No Place for Hate organisational pledge	20 influential community venues sign up to No Place for Hate pledge  Increased coverage of No Place for Hate message and brand in key community venues in the borough	Through increased sign up to conditions of hire within the No Place for Hate pledge. Disrupts extremist groups propagating their message to the wider community	£2,024 National Prevent funding	LBTH - Safer Communities
	Disrupt extremist organisation or speakers planning to hold events in local venues. Inform premises	Inform local business/venues which have	Reduces extremist actively within		MPS – S015

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	management of the risk involved and concerns  Work in partnership with the Council's planning and licensing teams to ensure extremist are not managing premises without permission	signed up to the No place for Hate pledge of their commitment if extremists approach them to hire venue  Identify premises managed by extremist and liaise with licensing to ensure regulations are not breached	the borough  Extremists unable to manage premises to support their cause		MPS – S015
	Publicise and disseminate Prevent teaching materials to local schools  Provide continuing professional development support to teaching staff to make effective use of Prevent teaching materials  Provide Prevent training for teachers	Produce and disseminate copies of Tower Hamlets Prevent Teacher's pack for all schools by May 2012  Full day 'Prevent' workshop for teachers from at least 40 Tower Hamlets schools by June 2012	Increased capacity of local schools to tackle the ideological threat from terrorism and those who support it  Increased capacity of teachers to identify children and young	£2,,500 National Prevent funding	LBTH Children, Schools and Families

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Strengthen community leadership to enable key individuals and organisations to challenge/disrupt extremist ideology		<p>Deliver WRAP training for staff, including teachers</p> <p>Disseminate Conviction package for teachers</p>	<p>people at risk of involvement in extremism and violence</p> <p>Increase awareness amongst staff about SIP referral process and identifying vulnerable young people</p>		LBTH One Tower Hamlets Service/ S015
	One to one and two 13 weeks parenting support Programme for parents of children and young people identified through the SIP because of concerns about involvement in extremism	<p>Parenting practitioners identified and an engagement and support package established by May 2012</p> <p>Parenting practitioners to deliver a casework model with parents and carers referred through SIP as a result of concerns about involvement in</p>	<p>One to one parenting support and advice provided to parents and carers of young people considered at risk of involvement in extremism</p> <p>Opportunities for parents to explore ways in which faith and culture may affect parenting</p>	£7,986 National Prevent funding	Children, Schools and Families Directorate Parent Support Service

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		<p>extremist activity by March 2013</p> <p>Deliver two 13 weeks Parenting Programme sessions</p>	and the relationship with their children		
	To undertake consultation with Members and key staff involved in the delivery of Prevent on project opportunities in advance of the Home Office September bidding round 2012.	<p>-Review existing projects previous projects and what type of project bids Tower Hamlets should bid for in light of the revised Prevent Strategy</p> <p>-Organise consultation exercise with Members and key staff to brainstorm project ideas and how to overcome any difficulties in delivery by May 2012</p> <p>- Draft project bids to submit to Home Office for initial feedback by</p>	Increased capacity of staff working with vulnerable individuals and institutions to tackle effectively the threat from terrorist organisations and ideology		LBTH One Tower Hamlets Service

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	Promote Safer Giving locally	<p>June 2012 Provide stakeholder's feedback if necessary and amend or review project bids by July 2012</p> <p>Promote Safer Giving to worshippers during Ramadhan To ensure donations are not going towards the extremist causes</p>	Disrupts extremist organisations from raising funds		LBTH One Tower Hamlets/ Home Office and S015
	Close 'dawah' stall organised by extremist groups	Identify extremist running dawah stalls within the borough and promptly close it down through law enforcement	Extremist unable to promote their message with public spaces. Reducing community tensions growing		MPS – S015

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	<p>Disrupt unregistered street funding collection by extremists</p> <p>Disrupting MAC/ALM – to disrupt activities of proscribed organisation MAC/ALM through various bye law and criminal law enforcement</p>	<p>Identify unlawful fundraising in public space and disrupt promptly through law enforcement</p> <p>Enforce various bye law on MAC/ALM activists</p>	<p>Reduces financial support for local extremist or funding foreign extremists</p> <p>Sanctions imposed on local extremist activists</p>		
<b>Total:</b>				<b>£267, 855</b>	



***Prevent***  
***Communication Strategy***

**1. About Prevent Communication Strategy**

LBTH recognises the sensitivities around both the National Prevent Strategy as well as our local Prevent delivery.

Negative media coverage or misinformation about our work could lead to community tensions or distrust in the Council's Prevent programme. Therefore, effective communication is crucial in driving Prevent forward positively and in building confidence in our local approach. The aim of our communication strategy is to utilise existing channels of communications and disseminate information to audiences, internal and external, when required.

**2. Principles of the Strategy**

The objectives of this strategy is to ensure:

- Information is communicated in an honest, accountable, constructive, two way dialogue to inform and influence external and internal stakeholders;
- Ensure information is disseminated in an accurate and timely manner to all audiences;
- All staff with responsibility for Prevent related activity are aware of Prevent communication channels and its importance in improving Prevent delivery;
- Misinformation around local Prevent activity is challenged by responding within timely fashion and accurate information;
- We will monitor and respond to local/ national media to challenge any misinformation about our Prevent Programme;
- We will provide digital support to respond to online messages, e.g. facebook/twitter.

### **3. Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group (CCCP TMG)**

Our CCCP TMG Protocol sets out a communication protocol which outlines its strategy to respond to any enquiry or negative media coverage that may develop community tensions. Prevent communication ties in with the existing CCCT TMG communication protocol.

### **4. Key areas of focus**

- Internal communication
- External communication
- Re-active communications
- Pro-active communication

#### **Internal audience**

Due to the sensitivities around the Prevent agenda, staff may lack confidence in the agenda and its local delivery. Therefore, negative attitudes, which may develop from misinformation, must be challenged.

To strengthen the development of the Prevent programme it is also important to communicate with internal colleagues for their feedback and recommendations. Key audience includes:

- Mayor's Office, including Deputy Mayor
- DMTs
- Members

#### **Communication channel**

- Internal briefings, e.g. Mayor's briefing
- Online through Tower Hamlets Now and intranet
- Member's briefing, including embedding key messages within Olympic communication channels so that Members can respond to issues if required

## **External communication**

The objectives of the external communication are to strengthen confidence in our local delivery and to challenge negative, respond to enquiries and, if necessary, challenge negative media coverage.

## **Communication channels**

We will work with our Corporate Communications Team who will monitor and share coverage as well as developing pro-active communication responses.

- East End Life
- FOI request feedback response
- Online Tower Hamlets website
- Through our Partnership structure disseminate information to our stakeholders
- Media responses to local, national and trades
- Social media

## **Re-active communications**

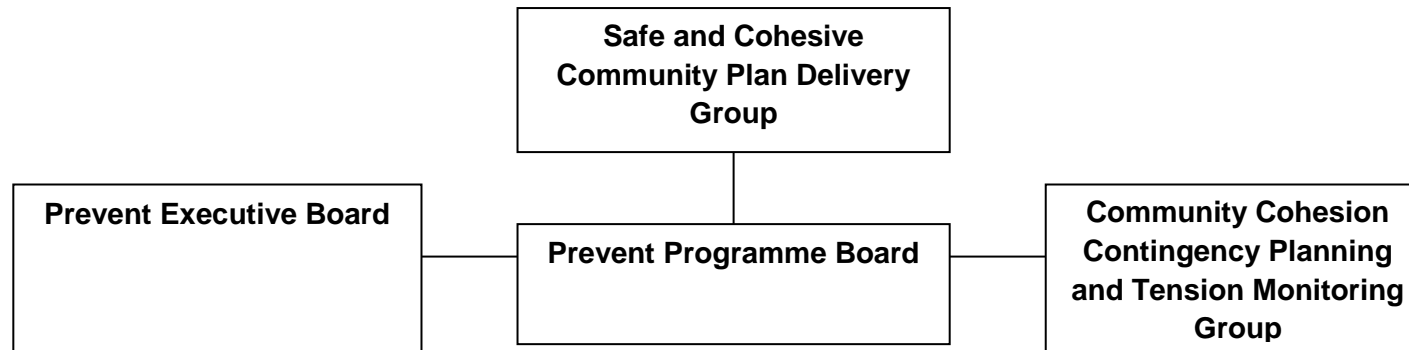
- Developing media lines, with partners, for use on a reactive basis. This would be agreed in advance and used in a timely fashion

## **Pro-active communication**

- Undertaking initiatives with partners to promote local Prevent work. Disseminate key messages through the Council and its partners' communication channels

## **Governance and delivery arrangements**

Delivering Prevent sits within the remit of the Community Plan Delivery Group for 'A Safe and Cohesive Community' (our local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership). The organisational structure is set out below:



**The Prevent Programme Board**, chaired by the Service Head for One Tower Hamlets, operates as a distinct board with responsibility for delivering the Prevent work and monitoring the threat from extremist organisations and groups. Membership is as follows: officers from One Tower Hamlets, Tower Hamlets Police, Prevent Team at SO15 in the Metropolitan Police, NHS Tower Hamlets, London Fire Brigade and Queen Mary University.

**The Prevent Executive Board** is comprised of the Service Head One Tower Hamlets, the local Police Chief Inspector (Operations), and a representative from the Office of Security and Counter Terrorism. The Board is responsible for decisions about funding.

**The Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group (CCCPTMG)**, chaired by the Service Head for One Tower Hamlets, acts both as an operational tension monitoring group and as the Project Assurance Board for the Prevent Programme. This includes independent monitoring of the programme's performance and provides a mechanism to ensure that all stakeholder needs and expectations are being met and managed. Membership is as follows: representatives from the Interfaith Forum, the London Muslim Centre, the Council of Mosques, the Registered Social Landlord Forum, Metropolitan Police 'Prevent' Engagement Team, Children Schools and Families, Community Safety, Communications, Community Safety, Corporate Safety and Civil Protection and One Tower Hamlets.

There is also a key operational link to the borough's **Security Review Meeting** framework which is led by the local Police and involves partners from the Council. Through fortnightly meetings key staff are briefed about current threat levels by our local Counter Terrorism Intelligence Officers. The Police Inspector for Counter Terrorism attends these meetings and draws on this information to brief the Prevent lead and Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group and inform the allocation of resources to ensure that we are able to target resources to areas where there is considered to be risks to community tension.

### Risk management

The Prevent Programme Board has responsibility for identifying and managing risks in the programme. Risks are logged through the Programme risk log and subject to review at each meeting.

### Funding arrangements

The scale of external funding is much reduced from the 2008-11 programme. However we will be using the commissioning and monitoring processes we developed for that programme to identify providers for our safe space debates projects and Islamophobia research. This process included the following actions:

- Ensuring all proposals demonstrate how they will address Prevent objectives and can provide detailed background information on the organisation's finances, management board/trustees, staff and achievements to date
- Carry out checks with local Police colleagues to ensure that there is no information to suggest that an organisation is not suitable for delivering Prevent work under the new strategy
- The Prevent Executive Group will have responsibility for funding decisions to ensure Council, Police and OSCT oversight
- As part of the Service Level Agreement all projects will be required to sign the Subject Specific Information Sharing Agreement (SSISA). The purpose of the SSISA is to identify procedures for secure and confidential sharing of information between the parties in the course of the delivery of the Programme.
- Quarterly monitoring will be undertaken against the SLA specification as well as monitoring of all events run by groups under the criteria set out in the Council's Conditions of Hire procedures

- Outcomes will be evaluated by the Prevent Programme Board and reported to the Safe and Cohesive Community Plan Delivery Group locally and OSCT Nationally.

## **Social Inclusion Panel and Safeguarding Adult Panel: Supporting vulnerable people through the Council Prevent Adult Safeguarding Panel and Social Inclusion Panel**

In addition to the above governance structure which oversees the overall Prevent Programme, referral structures have been put in place to identify and assess individual at risk or potential at risk from radicalisation which may lead toward a tact offence. The structure we have in place includes the Social Inclusion Panel and Adult Safeguarding Panel.

### **Adult Safeguarding Panel**

The Safeguarding Adults Panel (SAP) has been established to provide local agencies with a referral mechanism and case conference structure for adults who are considered at risk of involvement in extremist activity. It firmly roots the assessment, monitoring and engagement of individuals within the framework of adult safeguarding. The group will have a specific focus on individuals who are considered vulnerable in respect of their disability or poor mental health alongside social exclusion, as well as those individuals who come to notice of local agencies as a result of evidence of susceptibility to violent extremism. It is identified that the Adult Safeguarding framework is the most appropriate to apply in these instances. This requires that the local procedures identify a clear pathway for the escalation of such concerns and a clear framework for agreeing action across a range of partner organisations which will include the Police alongside other agencies.

### **Membership and Structure**

- Probation Service
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
  - Adults Safeguarding
  - Adults Service -Disabilities
  - Adult Mental Health
  - One Tower Hamlets Service (Chair)

- Tower Hamlets Prevent Police team
- *Mentors from the Prevent Mentoring Programme (work in progress) may also attend specific case conferences if required and as such can be a Party to this Protocol*

### **Referral/Case conferences procedures**

Any member of the Panel, who receives a referral, in the first instance, assesses how urgent the case is and decides who from the Panel member is best placed to deal with any immediate needs.

In relation to case conferencing:

- If the case seems urgent and requires immediate attention of the Panel, the relevant individual Panel member who would complete a referral form and ask the Prevent Manager to organise an urgent case conference
- If the case is of a non-urgent nature, it is to be referred to the next scheduled Panel meeting via the Conference organiser.

### **Frequency of Case Conferences / Panel meetings**

The scheduled Panel meetings will take place four times a year. The organiser can also organise conferences on ad-hoc and as and when required basis should the need arises as explained above.

### **Administration**

The LBTH Prevent team is responsible for organising the case conferences and Panel meetings.



## Social Inclusion Panel

