

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th November 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Counter Terrorism Update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on counter terrorism. The UK terrorism threat remained at Severe. Officers across all departments continued to work with Police and other partners to respond to the general threat and strengthen procedures.

The report provided an update on Stockton Council's work on terrorism threat mitigation in relation to events. This included strengthening event planning, threat assessment, dialogue with external agencies, training for staff and physical protection measures.

In addition to the Council's own internal processes and protocols, the report also considered what actions and support the Council could introduce to help community groups and other external event organisers, in raising their own awareness and helping them understand what steps they could take to improve their own security arrangements.

Additional costs associated with terrorism protection and hostile vehicle threat mitigation were anticipated and referenced in previous reports. Some provision was made in the MTFP to cover short term measures whilst longer term options were explored. Work on longer term measures was not yet complete but a further allocation would be required in the 2017/18 MTFP.

Information contained within the report could be of value to anyone considering an attack in this area and the detail was therefore contained within a confidential appendix. Taken out of context the contents could also be misinterpreted by the public leading to a fear that the threat level had increased, which it had not. This gave further cause for the appendix to be dealt with as a reserved item and not for publication.

RESOLVED that note the actions taken to strengthen measures to protect the public against terrorist threat at events and endorse the adoption of the further threat mitigation measures outlined.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To provide Cabinet with confidence that all reasonable actions are being taken to protect the public against the known threat.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 24 November 2017

Proper Officer
20 November 2017