

Report to:	SACRE
Relevant Officer:	Dave Brennand, Brokerage and Professional Development Adviser
Date of Meeting :	27 th January 2016

PRESENTATION ON THE PREVENT AGENDA

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive a presentation to inform the SACRE of the Prevent agenda and its relationship to Religious Education locally.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the presentation on the Prevent agenda.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To provide a context for the government's Prevent agenda and the role of SACRE.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

"Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 From 1 July 2015 all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the Prevent duty. It applies to a wide range of public-facing bodies.

5.2 In order for schools and childcare providers to fulfil the Prevent duty, it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools’ and childcare providers’ wider safeguarding duties.

5.3 Schools have an important role in challenging extremist arguments but it should not be the case that the Prevent duty stops children debating controversial. It may often be the case that these issues arise during Religious Education so a brief presentation will outline Prevent agenda for members.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None