

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**9 September 2015**

**Report of the Chair of People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

**RADICALISATION IN SCHOOLS: UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

**1. Purpose of the report**

To update the Committee on the progress of the working group's review of radicalisation in schools.

**2. Information**

The review of how the authority is working to deter radicalisation in schools was approved by the Committee on 20 May 2015 and a working group was agreed on 1 July 2015. Lines of inquiry have been established which will focus on how the authority is working with schools in response to the new 'Prevent' duty to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

Members have held an initial meeting with senior officers who provided an overview of how the authority works to respond to radicalisation in schools. Additionally, Members were briefed on the wider context of extremism.

This was in addition to some pre-reading which was sent to Members. A summary of the current and historic research and practice that has been carried out in regard to deterring radicalisation in schools was also provided to Members.

Future working group meetings have been established and a draft timetable is in appendix one. Members should note this is open to change as the review process progresses.

**3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

#### **4. Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the progress made in the review of radicalisation in schools.

**Councillor Diane Charles**

**Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People**

## Appendix One

### **Radicalisation Scrutiny Review: Progression of Line of Inquiries**

To progress the lines of inquiry (LOI), it is proposed to invite the following to working group meetings:

#### Weds 9th Sept at 10:30am-1pm

- Debbie Peacock will submit written evidence of how the authority is working with schools in response to the new duty.
- Seamus Carroll will take members through the written evidence.

#### Tues 13th Oct at 10:30am-1pm

- Invite Debbie Peacock to brief members further on school response to the new duty?
- Invite Prevent Officer from Police to brief members on their work in partnership with the authority and directly with schools?

#### Weds 11th Nov at 10:30am-1pm

- Invite district colleagues to discuss their role in the prevent duty and deterring radicalisation in schools?

#### Tues 8th Dec at 10:30am-1pm

- TBC

#### Tues 5th Jan at 10:30am-1pm

- TBC