



ANNUAL PREVENT DUTY ASSURANCE PROCESS 2024/25

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to brief the Community Safety Board on the Outcomes of the Comhairle's Annual Prevent Duty Assurance Process 2024/25.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on the Comhairle to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The objectives of Prevent are:
- tackling the ideological causes of terrorism
 - intervening early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
 - enabling people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate
- 2.2 The Annual Prevent Duty Assurance Process, developed by the Home Office and Scottish Government, is designed to assure the local delivery of Prevent and identify areas of good practice and areas for improvement.
- 2.3 The Assurance Process identified the following strengths in the Comhairle's delivery of Prevent: Senior Oversight and Partnership, Training, and Referral Pathway. It was recognised that strong governance structures are in place and that the Comhairle's senior management is well-informed on Prevent. Training was also highlighted as a strength, with Prevent Training routinely delivered and available on the Comhairle's training portal. The Referral Pathway was determined to be well-established and widely shared, ensuring staff know where to report concerns.
- 2.4 Recommendations to strengthen the Comhairle's delivery of Prevent were also provided. These related to the development of a local Prevent risk assessment and accompanying action plan, and to reducing permissive environments through further embedding Prevent into existing processes. The Comhairle will work with the Prevent Advisor to implement these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle note the Report.**

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Background Papers: [Prevent duty guidance: for Scotland \(accessible\) - GOV.UK](#)



IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	There are no financial implications.
Legal	The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on the Comhairle to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
Staffing	There are no staffing implications associated with this report.
Assets and Property	There are no implications for Assets and Property associated with this report.
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	There are no risks associated with this report.
Equalities/Child Rights	There are no equalities or child rights implications associated with the report.
Corporate Strategy	Support Caring and Resilient Communities and Quality of Life is a Strategic Priority of the Comhairle's Corporate Strategy.
Environmental Impact	There are no environmental implications associated with this report.
Consultation	There is no consultation associated with this report.

