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**Devon Prevent Strategic Delivery Group (DPSDG) - Proposal to become Devon
CONTEST* Board**

**Briefing Report to Torbay Strategic Partnership circulated under the 10 day rule
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1. What are we trying to achieve for our communities?

- 1.1 In 2009 the DPSDG was created following a mandate by the Devon and Torbay Strategic Partnerships, with an aim to provide strategic direction for the delivery of the Prevent objectives and the recommendations of the Counter Terrorism Local Profiles (CTLP).
- 1.2 'Prevent' is the 4th strand of the national counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST) introduced by the previous government in 2008 alongside 'Protect', 'Prepare' and 'Pursue'. It placed upon the Police and partners a requirement to work towards 5 key objectives with a view to embedding activity within core business by the end of March 2011.
- 1.3 A change of government has led to a review of Prevent which is likely to survive, albeit in a different guise. A review of national security including the CONTEST strategy is also underway but is unlikely to see any major shift of focus away from the remaining 3 strands. It is also anticipated that the yearly production of CTLPs and associated recommendations will continue under any new security strategy.

Proposal:

- 1.4 It is proposed that in light of the above changes and the anticipated embedding of Prevent activity into core business, the DPSDG widen its remit to include the Protect and Prepare strands of the CONTEST strategy to become the Devon CONTEST Board.
- 1.5 This will mirror what has already taken place at a Force level and in respect of Prepare, will link in with the LRF (Local Resilience Forum).

1.6 Benefits:

- Provides strategic direction for the delivery of objectives related to national security across Devon (including CTLP recommendations).
- A cohesive multi-agency approach avoiding the duplication of resources.
- Wider remit reduces number of overall meetings required at strategic level.
- Enables more effective information-sharing.

1.7 Suggested format:

- Attendance as per DSPDG. Vetting to SC level may be required.
- Police chair.
- Governance – as per DSPDG
- Frequency – every 6 months
- Terms of Reference – to include Prevent, Protect and Prepare.
- First meeting in new form Wednesday 13 April 2011

1.8 Submitted for consideration by Devon and Torbay Strategic Partnerships.

2. Relationship to Community Plan

2.1 The proposal links to the delivery of the 'stronger and healthier communities' strand of the Community Plan.

3. Recommendation for decision

3.1 The Devon Prevent Strategic Delivery Group (DSPDG) to widen its remit to include the Protect and Prepare strands of the CONTEST strategy and to become the Devon CONTEST Board.

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* CONTEST is the name given to the comprehensive strategy to counter the threat to the UK and our interests overseas from international terrorism.