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**(CCC) Protect Duty**

• A bullet point list of all the measures the council has taken in preparation for the introduction of the ‘Protect Duty’ which is expected to come into effect in 2022
• The full amount (in £) the council has spent to date implementing the aforementioned measures as well as the amount of money (in £) assigned to make the above changes ahead of the introduction of ‘Protect Duty’
• If you have not yet assigned a budget or implemented measures ahead of ‘Protect Duty’ coming into effect, do you expect to do so in the next 6 months? (please answer either Yes, No or N/A)

Clarification of what we are referring to when we say ‘Protect Duty’:
The government is imposing new legislation under the name of ‘Protect Duty’, increasing the protection of the UK’s publicly accessible locations against terrorist attacks and ensuring they are equipt to deal with all possible incidents. Additional security measures and perimeter protection will be required for public venues, organisations, and public spaces under this new legislation. More information can be found here.

**Response**

In anticipation of this new legislation, Cambridge City Council jointly with Cambridgeshire County Council requested the Police Counter-Terrorism team carry out an assessment of the city centre and make any recommendations they feel appropriate to the current, and developing security agenda.

There has been no cost to the Council for this assessment.

Given that the majority of the areas they identified are on public highway, we consider that it would be for the County Council to consider any changes recommended.  We understand that they briefed their lead Councillors, but we are currently unaware of any further action being taken.

The City Council's work on the King's Parade barrier preceded consideration of this new Duty, and consequently do not consider the costs involved of relevance to this FOI request.

The access to Christ’s Pieces from Christ’s Lane has been identified as a possible weakness, which Council officers are looking to strengthen as part of our city centre grant funded work (albeit the land is not all highway but part privately owned).

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk