

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
<b>Title</b>	<b>PROTOCOL ON JOINT RESPONSE TO ISSUES OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend that the Council adopts the Protocol on Joint Response to Issues of Local and National Safety and Security developed in partnership with the Kettering Multifaith Forum.

### 2. INFORMATION

2.1 In 2017 The Interfaith Network for the United Kingdom published a document entitled "Looking after One Another", which had been developed in partnership with the Crown Prosecution Service, the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Home Office, the National Fire Chiefs' Council and the National Police Chiefs' Council to assist in responding together as communities to increase our safety and security.

2.2 The document encourages the creation and strengthening of good interfaith relations locally by taking part in initiatives which promote greater understanding, work to counteract prejudice and hatred and bring calm in times of tension and is available on the link below.

[https://www.interfaith.org.uk/uploads/Looking\\_After\\_One\\_Another\\_-\\_The\\_safety\\_and\\_security\\_of\\_our\\_faith\\_communities.pdf](https://www.interfaith.org.uk/uploads/Looking_After_One_Another_-_The_safety_and_security_of_our_faith_communities.pdf)

2.3 The Mayor attended a meeting of the Kettering Interfaith Forum in 2017 and during discussion it was suggested that a draft Protocol could be developed in partnership with Kettering Borough Council and the Police, which would set out procedures in terms of joint activities and other responses to both local and national incidents and attacks that affect residents and communities in Kettering Borough.

2.4 The Protocol does not take precedence over, or circumvent, the arrangements already in place under the North Northamptonshire Safety and Resilience Partnership's emergency planning procedures, to which Kettering Borough Council is committed as a partner authority.

2.5 The draft Protocol is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

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### **3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

- 3.1 The draft Protocol was considered by the Council's Member Development Working Group on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and by the Kettering Multifaith Forum on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was recommended by both the Member Development Working Group and the Multifaith Forum that the Protocol be submitted to full Council for endorsement.
- 3.2 The draft Protocol was circulated to the Police and members of the Multifaith Forum and Churches Together for comment in advance of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Protocol is in accordance with the Council's strategic aims and objectives to improve communications with communities, encourage community cohesion and work in partnership the Police and others.

### **4. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial resource implications that cannot be contained within existing budgets.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Protocol on Joint Response to Issues of Local and National Safety and Security developed in partnership with the Kettering Multifaith Forum be endorsed by Council.

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