

37081 Protect Duty

Please can you provide the following:

- 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 equipped 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 at:

<https://streaklinks.com/BCrPDHzCQgOleQg-kwfHIRbJ/https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fconsultations%2Fprotect-duty>

Can the above-mentioned information please be supplied electronically in excel format and the data be categorised as per the bullet points above.

The Protect Duty is yet to come into effect. Therefore, any work required (including budget) to meet any new duties placed on the Local Authority are, as yet, unidentified. The Council continues to work closely with the Scottish Government and partners to understand how Local Authorities will be impacted by the new Protect Duty, and to keep updated on its publication.

A steering group, workplan and budget will be assigned when the 'Protect Duty' is published.