

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE:	17TH MAY 2012
REPORT NO.	CFO/079/12
REPORTING OFFICER:	Chief Fire Officer
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SUBJECT:	Concept Knowsley Funding

APPENDIX (A)

Equality Impact Assessment

ATTACHED – HARD COPY

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Authority Members of the provision of £26k from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) for youth engagement and diversionary activity.

Recommendation

2. That Members note and approve the contents of the report.

Introduction & Background

3. In 2011 KMBC agreed to provide £26k to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) for youth engagement and diversionary activity within the Knowsley District.
4. The proposal aims to directly contribute to young people meeting one or more of the five outcomes identified in the Children Act 2004 which are to:
 - (i) Be Healthy
 - (ii) Stay safe
 - (iii) Enjoy and achieve Make a positive contribution
 - (iv) Achieve economic wellbeing
5. In November 2011 MFRA were notified that we had been awarded £26,000. To fund:
 - a. School Fire Liaison Officers
 - b. BEACON course
 - c. Climbing Wall events

- d. Street Cage Soccer sessions
- e. Fire-fit Assault Course sessions

6. MFRA is an approved provider of youth courses for KMBC.

Equality & Diversity Implications

The Community Safety Information Management System (CS IMS) will be used to monitor and identify any disproportionate impact on targeted groups. An Equality Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix A.

Staff Implications

7. Staffing provision will come from the current Youth Engagement Team and existing MFRA employees.

Legal Implications

8. The grant funding is subject to grant conditions which must be adhered to in the delivery of the project.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. Since March 2010 a review of the costing of the Beacon and LIFE courses has been undertaken. The delivery of the programme is co-ordinated by the Youth Engagement Team Co-ordinator and the Youth Engagement facilitator who is on a seven hour a week fixed term contract which is increased depending on securing external funding.

10. The new costings for the Beacon and LIFE courses have also been achieved by training community advocates to support the delivery of the courses as well as two PCSO's from the Police.

12. The new costs of the Beacon are £4950 + VAT and LIFE £1350 +VAT. These were introduced on April 2011.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

13. The risk assessments for the delivery of LIFE and Beacon courses and associated activities are already in place and reviewed annually.

Contribution to Achieving Our Mission:

“Safer, Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters”

14. Communities in Knowsley will be less likely to suffer from the effects of anti-social behaviour due to delivering these youth engagement courses.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

***Glossary of Terms**

KMBC	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
CS IMS	Community Safety Management Information System
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SMG	Strategic Management Group