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Introduction:

Everton in the Community and Everton Free School are enthused by the prospect of a high level strategic partnership with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. In initial discussions, obvious synergies have emerged and the timing of the new Firefit hub in Toxteth presents exciting possibilities.

This brief outline paper is designed to prompt a starting point for discussions about how the partnership might evolve. It has been put together by Adrian Packer, Principal of Everton Free School and Dr Denise Barrett-Baxendale, CEO of Everton in the Community and COO of Everton Football Club.

Everton Free School is in its first year of operation. It has had a very successful inception and been acknowledged by the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education as a model of alternative provision excellence. As part of the School's remit to serve children and young people across Merseyside, the School is looking to develop a "hub and spoke" style of provision across the region. It is also keen to expand its post 16 provision, its associate learning contracts and its apprenticeships.

Everton in the Community has a 25 year history of offering outstanding quality community provision to children, young people and adults through its many hundreds of programmes with an emphasis on social inclusion and participation through sport.

Everton Free School and Everton in the Community are well positioned to provide a "plug and play" participation solution for the Firefit hub. This would involve daytime "occupation" of Free School students and Evening activities led by Everton in the Community and our partners. There are many long term possibilities, not least the potential of funding to develop the old premises at the back of the new hub. However, at this early stage, it may be useful to all parties to stage a gradual occupation in order to assess and evaluate the effectiveness of the partnership.

Proposed timeline and terms for occupation of Firefit hub

From January 2013 - 'testing'

Evening provision:

EitC Social inclusion to run evening sport programmes

Everton Free School to run Literacy and numeracy drop-in community evening classes
14-19

Daytime provision:

2 days a week: Everton free school AP @ firefit

1 day a week: Everton free school level 3 associate learning @ firefit

5 days a week: Everton Admin Centre

Resources required

1 dedicated Everton office for up to 6 staff (free school and EitC)

2 dedicated classrooms for evenings/weekends (branded by Everton)

Administrative IT connectivity (hardware provided by Everton)

Access to sports facilities

From April 2013 - 'moving'

Review above. Agree mid-term and longer term financial agreement and consider larger scale occupation. Continue 'testing' but:

Move to 5 day week model

Implement digital classroom through sponsorship with organisations like Sony.

Look at developing apprenticeships.

Resources required (as above but...)

Add additional teacher office

Add small leadership office

Add additional daytime classroom

From September 2013 - 'establishing'

Subject to satisfactory contractual arrangements being agreed in April, Everton Free School 6th form, foundation learning and apprenticeships to be based at Firefit as a permanent arrangement.

EitC would continue to develop its evening provision. EitC would consider moving whole departments (such as "safehands") over to Firefit.

Both provisions would operate on a 7 day a week basis.

Resources required would be agreed in April.

Subject to agreement from all parties, the process of refurbishing of old gym will commence.

Everton Free School 6th form Centre would be run in in partnership with Widnes Vikings and Everton Ladies, Soccerwise and other associates.

Other similar hubs across the region could also be considered at this stage.

From September 2014 'settling'

New Everton Free School 6th form Centre opens. Firefit established as a the city's leading hub for formal and informal community engagement programmes. The model is replicated across the region.