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Youth expenditure

The Budget and Performance Committee is preparing to examine expenditure on young people across the GLA group. I would be grateful if you could supply details of initiatives and programmes targeted at young people undertaken or funded by LFEPA in 2007/08, 2008/09 or planned for future years. In each case, please detail the expenditure made, forecast, budgeted or planned each year, the source(s) of the funding, and (briefly) the nature of the work or initiative supported. Also, as far as possible, please provide details of what outcome is to be achieved by the funding allocated, how it is to be measured and, where known, the current performance, target performance and any relevant benchmarks on the outcome indicators.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information by Monday 6 April, and send a copy to John Barry in the committee services team.

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Copy to: John Barry, Committee Services Team

Dear Mr Biggs

YOUTH EXPENDITURE

I am writing in response to your letter to Sue Budden of 9 March about our expenditure on young people. I enclose details of our initiatives and programmes as requested.

Please contact Alison Ross in our Finance Department if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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London Fire Brigade (LFB) youth work

The LFB operates a number of youth schemes. The main ones are detailed below, and we have appended brief details of some of our other youth work where the costs involved are minimal. All schemes are operated within the framework of our Community Safety Strategy. (<http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/Documents/FEP1290.pdf>). Scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of community safety work is difficult given the number of factors at play. It is difficult to prove causally that community safety initiatives have directly impacted on performance. As an overall snapshot, statistics show that the increase in time spent on community safety activity by fire station staff was matched, over the same period of time, by a decrease in the overall number of fires. It is not possible to identify the costs for all the youth work the Brigade undertakes as some work is undertaken as part of other duties and thus not accounted for separately (e.g. operational officers are charged to their base post). Expenditure and income for the Brigade's major youth schemes are however outlined below (2009/10 budgets have not yet loaded).

MAIN LFB YOUTH SCHEMES

Scheme	Description	Expenditure/income	How funded	Evaluation/ Performance monitoring																
Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) (CFC)	The scheme is an intensive one week long course delivered by locally based operational staff aimed at building close links with young people in the local community and assisting those who are at risk of social exclusion or involvement in anti-social behaviour particularly fire-related activity The scheme is targeted particularly at young people aged between 13 and 17.	Below are the figures for 2007/8 and 2008/9 respectively, which represent typical levels of activity for the LIFE scheme: <table><tr><th>2007/8 Funding source:</th><th>EXTERNAL</th><th>INTERNAL</th><th>TOTAL</th></tr><tr><td>LIFE COSTS</td><td>926,431</td><td>487,131</td><td>1,413,562</td></tr><tr><td>GRANT/ INCOME RECEIVED</td><td>897,836</td><td>0</td><td>897,836</td></tr><tr><td>NET COST</td><td>28,595</td><td>487,131</td><td>515,726</td></tr></table>	2007/8 Funding source:	EXTERNAL	INTERNAL	TOTAL	LIFE COSTS	926,431	487,131	1,413,562	GRANT/ INCOME RECEIVED	897,836	0	897,836	NET COST	28,595	487,131	515,726	LIFE is funded largely externally. External funding is received from a variety of streams including corporate bodies, local partners and other ad-hoc sources. External funding pays for the 9 local LIFE teams, which actually organise the courses, and associated costs such as overtime payments, clothing, catering, hire of additional appliances etc. Internal funding supports the central LIFE team, volunteer trainers and property costs.	In 2007/8, 88 LIFE courses were run and 956 young people successfully completed the programme. Evidence of the success of LIFE courses is considerable, including an independent evaluation for LFB by Morgan Harris Burrows, from August 2005. They interviewed sample of 65 young people who attended a LIFE course. -97% felt it showed them that “it can be
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Fire Cadets: Community Fire Cadets, Young	CFC is a long-term youth engagement programme in which local young people	This scheme has just started (Feb 2009). The projected costs are as follows. Two schemes are currently running (in Hackney and Tower Hamlets)					The scheme will be evaluated in due course. The scheme is																

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Firefighters and Waltham Forest Fire Cadets	will attend a fire station one evening per week, for two hours an evening to take part in Fire Brigade-led activities with a developmental/educational outcome. This long-term scheme will offer participants the unique opportunity of attaining a recognised qualification aligning to the draft Edexcel ‘BTEC L2 in the Fire & Rescue Service Community’	Initial Set Up Costs (1 CFC Scheme)	Delivery Costs	Total Costs	Each further course at same location		however based on a pilot scheme called Young Firefighters (for which the costs are shown) and the results of that pilot scheme have been incorporated into the new scheme.									
		£13,100	£30,875	£43,975	£30,875											
		It is proposed that these costs will be externally funded. Funding opportunities exist through Learning and Skills Council (LSC) on completion of the BTEC, the new Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) via local authorities, and local or national sponsorship arrangements with the private sector. Additional boroughs will be identified and programmed for establishment of CFC over the course of the next few months, subject to funding.														
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Schools Team	The team comprises a number of dedicated staff who deliver a bespoke training package to primary school children targeted on	2007/8 Employees: £493,000 Other direct expenditure:	2008/9 Employees: £439,000 Other direct expenditure: £16,000		LFB funded	Best Value Review in 2001 The Schools Team regularly send ‘Evaluation forms’ to										

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	areas of accidental fires. Over 1 million school children have benefited from this programme since its inception	£32,000 TOTAL: £525,000	TOTAL: £455,000			schools to seek customer feedback. One evaluation form for each Schools Officer is sent to a school every month. The feedback from these forms provided by teachers is noted for possible future action dependant on the nature of the comments. The paper forms are then filed for later reference. We also receive customer feedback via email from teachers complimenting the Schools Office's. This is recorded via the compliments and complaints procedure. There are a number of real life examples where children who have received a visit by the Schools Team and have applied the instruction given at home when a fire occurred.
Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Scheme (JFIS)	A service provided at nil cost to young people who are at risk of firesetting through	2007/8 Employees: £189,700	2008/9 Employees: £199,938		LFB funded	External evaluation in 2005 by Morgan Harris Burrows

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	playing with fire or who are displaying deliberate firesetting tendencies or actions. Delivered across London by a range of LFB staff from all disciplines on a voluntary basis. Targeted at any young person who is identified as at risk of firesetting.	Other direct expenditure: £20,000 TOTAL: £209,700	Other direct expenditure: £19,369 TOTAL: £219,302			Feedback form goes into every closing letter where intervention took place
Lee Green Community Centre for youth work			2008/9 Costs: £199,300 (capital)			
Wembley LIFE unit			2008/9 Costs: £470,400 (capital)			

APPENDIX

Examples of other LFB youth work

Prison? Me? No Way! : The Brigade work in partnership with the Prison Me No Way Trust, Ambulance Service, Metropolitan Police local youth offending teams and the O2 Malicious Calls Bureau. Brigade personnel visit secondary schools to conduct a series of workshops with classes from a year 8 or 9 group (13 – 15 years old), seeing approximately 180 pupils in a day. The workshops are a crime and safety awareness day.

Best Buddy

A partnership of, North London ConneXions, the British Sub Aqua Club, Worth Unlimited & the LFB it brings young people from across the borough together. Participants spend the week playing sport, tackling problem solving activities, SCUBA Diving & participating in Firefighter Breathing Apparatus Training. Young people are referred from a number of sources e.g. from the criminal justice system and schools. Others have been nominated to build up their self-esteem as they may be at risk of offending due to their home circumstances, (YPS protocol).

The International Association of Black Professional Firefighters

The Brigade actively supports the activities of the London chapter of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters (IABPFF). The Association work with young people in inner city schools by providing positive role models, participating in mentoring schemes and supporting programmes to improve literacy. The association are particularly involved in a range of schemes to reduce violent crime in the black community and are working with local authorities, voluntary agencies and the police. One of the aims of the IABPFF is to contribute to community cohesion. There are many benefits to young people from this scheme, including:

- Provision of a respected role model
- Promotion of life skills
- Improvement of community relations
- Reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour
- Outreach work

Visits to schools by station personnel (including WISH) : All fire stations have links with their local schools. Fire crews regularly carry out visits to schools to talk to the pupils about what their role involves. A formalised education package called WISH (We're In Safe Hands) enables firefighters to deliver the fire safety message and raise awareness about Home Fire Safety Visits.

Children/Young people visits to fire stations : Many fire stations have regular requests from play schemes, schools and youth groups to visit their fire station. Station personnel will use these opportunities to educate and raise awareness in fire safety issues or local issues relating to fire. Activities are staged to help reinforce key messages.

Junior Citizens events Junior Citizen (JC) events are multi-agency, interactive schemes based on anti-crime messages, citizenship and safety. They are designed to teach children between the ages of 9 and 11 valuable life skills that will support their social development and safety.

Cross Fire

A service provided at nil cost to young people who are at risk of firesetting through playing with fire or who are displaying deliberate firesetting tendencies or actions. Delivered across London by a range of LFB staff from all disciplines on a voluntary basis. Targeted at any young person who is identified as at risk of firesetting. The team will deliver an agreed number of school inputs (other than year 2 & 6) on a variety of locally defined topics, tailored to the local need. The main topics that have been delivered in the past are aimed at demonstrating socially acceptable behaviour, fire setting, hoax calls, prevention, detection and escape. The project is also recognised as providing assistance to key partners who want to deliver inputs on their specialist area, i.e., Met Police – knife crime & British Red Cross – first aid. Inputs have been running since 2004 and all targets have been met.

Firefighter challenge

Provides work experience as a firefighter to a range of groups in which they perform a variety of duties related to the role of a firefighter.