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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 the MPA/MPS in 2007/08 and 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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Dear Mr Biggs,

Youth Expenditure

Further to your letter dated 9 March 2009, I attach information on initiatives and programmes targeted at young people undertaken and funded by the MPA/MPS.

The information comprises three parts:

(i) A spreadsheet with expenditure on programmes targeted at young people

(ii) A copy of a narrative included in the Authority's supporting financial information to the 2009/12 Budget and Business Plan submission (section 24 of the document)

(iii) A note on specific MPA related expenditure on community and police engagement groups.

I hope this will provide a useful starting point for your examination of expenditure on young people and of course I am happy to assist in any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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cc John Barry GLA
Catherine Crawford, Chief Executive MPA
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Extract from Paragraph 24 to Appendix 2 of the Policing London Business Plan 2009-12

24. Youth Strategy
24.1. The Mayor's Guidance has asked for specific information to be provided as part of the budget submission on the work done by the MPA/MPS on youth matters. Annex 8 provides an update on current activity and development work across the MPS supporting the MPS Youth Strategy. As included in Section 9, if a higher budget level is approved for the Service, then the priority will be to increase support for youth related activity.

24.2. The MPS Youth Strategy was approved by the MPA in October 2007 and has four delivery strands led by four MPS Commanders. Some of the main programmes of work are detailed below:

• Engagement with Children and Young People

The enhancement and expansion of Safer Schools Partnerships is the hub around which the MPS is engaging with young people. To achieve this, 102 additional PCSOs were allocated to wards with High priority schools, at a cost of £3.6M, and is on-going spend in the MPS budget. In addition all Boroughs were asked to ensure that these 181 schools had a dedicated SSP police officer. The MPS provided £53,000 in 2007/8 to fund the Miss Dorothy.Com educational programmes to support SSPs. The Government has now provided £1.5M nationally to fund the secondary school programme. It is not known at this stage how much of this would be allocated to the MPS.
The Kickz Programme is the next major youth engagement investment, attracting £3M funding over the last two years from the MPS. The Football Foundation has match funded this with a further £3M.

The Volunteer Police Cadets received £40,000 in 2007/8 to expand and develop school-based schemes. In 2008/9 this growth encompasses Project 'You' and has been allocated £400,000 from the improving prevention and reassurance in reducing serious youth violence. It has levered in private sponsorship of £160,000 to date, and it is hoped to lever in a further 2.5M each year from 2009/10 onwards.

Met-Track is also a key engagement programme, and received £24,500 in 2007/8 and £100,000 in 2008/9.

• Youth Justice
The work of this strand has been delivered through a partnership with the London Criminal Justice Board. This has resulted in the development of change programmes, such as Triage on Arrest and the Youth Safety Assessment Tool, at a cost of £35,000 in 2007/8 and £100,000 in 2008/9. The YJB provided £95,000 for this work in 2008/9. In addition £50,000 was provided to the London Youth Crime Prevention Board to develop the Safer Schools Award, which was again match funded by the YJB and other partners in the LYCPB.

• Serious Youth Violence

Reducing serious youth violence has been a high priority for the MPS and

a number of programmes have been funded by the MPS, The Tackling Gangs knife Programme (TKAP) and the 5 Borough Alliance. The latter programmes are referred to here, but will be the subject of a fuller report to support this report.
The 'Stolen Lives' Knife Crime Programme received £80,000 in 2007/8 and £250,000 in 2008/9. The Be-safe Knife crime workshop, aligned to the Kickz Programme received £60,000 in 2007/8 and levered in £150,000 through the Princes Trust in 2008/9.
More targeted programmes are being developed though the 'Pathways' Programme, and the SCD Mediation Programme, at a cost of £600,000. Funding of £300,000 is being sought from central government. The 5 Borough Alliance programme also levered in a Home Office grant of £400k

• Vulnerable Children and Young People

The major change programme within this strand has been the implementation of 'Every Child Matters' within the MPS. This has been a major cultural change programme, which has changed the way the MPS responds to the needs of young people, by ensuring that the five key outcomes are met. To do this the MPS has set up public Protection Desks on all 32 Boroughs at a cost of £2.5M. In addition IT software changes and project costs have been approximately £150,000. This is on-going expenditure within the MPS budget.

MPA Expenditure on Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs)

All CPEGs should be engaging with young people, but are doing so to varying degrees and perhaps as part of their wider engagement activities, rather than as a targeted activity.

However, with MPA support and guidance (particularly in light of the youth scrutiny) more groups have been specifically targeting young people in different ways.

The kinds of activities CPEGs have delivered over the last three years have included:

i) Targeted youth conferences aimed at increasing youth participation/engagement.

Several boroughs have held youth conferences in the past three years. Attendance has varied from 50-60 at the less well established events (e.g. Havering [£3k] and Tower Hamlets) to over 300 participants in the more established events (e.g. Richmond and Hounslow and Bexley [£6 500]). The feedback received from such events has been used in various ways. E.g. to inform local community safety priorities and local children & young people's strategies or in some cases to provide a much needed opportunity for local people to interact with police and other authority figures.

ii) Some CPEGs have also supported the youth engagement work of others, rather than reinventing the wheel. E.g. Ealing supported a specific SNT activity with Somali youths and used that as an opportunity to engage directly with those youths.

iii) Some have reached out to other groups working with young people and have sought representation from those on their CPEGs to ensure young people's views are taken into account. Such activities form part of the groups' core work and would not necessarily be separately costed.

MPA Youth Scrutiny

The costs for the MPA Youth Scrutiny in 2008-09 were approximately £40,000 opportunity costs for existing MPA staff engaged on the scrutiny with an additional £10,000 spent on venue hire and refreshments for the four large consultation events and reference groups.

Youth Expenditure - Details of Expenditure on programmes targeted at young people

The financial information in the table below was included in Appendix 2 - Annex 8 (supporting Financial Information) of the Draft Police London Business Plan 2009-12.

Section 24 of the document provided an overview of the MPS youth strategy. This has been copied as a separate document

Number	Programme	MPS Funding 2007/08	One-Off Spend 2008/09*	On-Going MPS Budget	Target Outputs	VFM/Outcome Measures	Current Position Mar 09		
1	VPC Expansion Project/Project YOU	£ 40,000.00	£ 400,000.00		1200 building to 4000 VPCs by 2012 100000 young people in YOU	90% non offending rate/no.s into employment/training No.s with D of E bronze/silver/gold awards. 40% BME representation of cadets. No.s engaged from disadvantaged areas.	1294Cadets 40% BME in VPC. 70,000 young people engaged weekly in Project You. National launch planned at Buckingham Palace 16th of July 2009		
	Current VPC budget			£ 500,000.00					
2	Miss Dorothy.com Primary	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00		100,000 primary school children receiving workbooks for PHSE lessons	No.s of young people receiving safety programmes. No.s of transition year children reached	70,000 primary school children with workbooks.		
3	Miss Dorothy.com Secondary	£ 130,000.00			Programme in all secondary schools	PHSE imputs in secondary schools. Alignment with the Prevent agenda	DVD avaialble to all secondary schools. Aligned to Prevent strategy. Specialist teachers recruited to deliver training		
4	CSEF Junior Citizen	£ 150,000.00			100,000 young people per year	no.s of children in transition year receiving programmes building to all years 6-11 by 2011	50,000 children in 600 sprimary schools received safety DVD		
5	Street Pastors	£ 85,000.00	£ 400,000.00		Expand to 32 Boroughs	No.s of at risk young people engaged and referred to support. No.s from disadvantaged areas referred for support.	Training complete. Scheme available in 22 Boroughs		
6	Princes Trust	£ 50,000.00	£ 400,000.00		Supporting 1000 at risk young people	No.s of young people into employment/training Reduction in offending rate of participants No.s of leadership qualifications No.s of young people from disadvantaged wards.	500 Young people participating in 51 Team Programmes across London. 70% gained employment or training. 600 young people engaged in XI schools Programme		
7	Street 20 (Urban Cricket)	£ 160,000.00			The schools programme of the Street Chance project consists of 4 primary schools and 2 secondary schools in each of the 10 boroughs and each school is entitled to 2 hours coaching a week	no.s of young people engaged in cricket.	In schools, 386 hours and 20 minutes of coaching were provided. The total attendance was 6,822 children, comprising 1,946 individual boys and girls. Of the total attendance figure, 39% were from black or ethnic minorities.		
8	SLF	£ 400,000.00			awaiting SLF report	awaiting SLF report	awaiting SLF report		
9	Be Safe/Kickz	£ 60,000.00		£ 1,650,000.00	2 Schemes per Borough 9,000 young people	25% reduction in ASB related crime on targeted estates and Wards.40-60 young people attending each project on a regular basis. 15% of attendees known to Police.	6,000 young people engaged in 32 London boroughs 3 times per week. Crime reductions localised- Hackney violent disorder -44%- Lewisham - -66% on scheme days		
10	Globe Education Trust	£ 80,000.00							
11	Met-Track	£ 24,500.00	£ 100,000.00		16 schemes by Mar 2009	10,000 young people attending programmes. 80% non offending rate for scheme participants	18 schemes in place. 80% non offending		

12	Restorative Justice YSAT-Triage	£ 35,000.00	£ 100,000.00		10 Tranche 1 Blunt 2 Boroughs 1000 young people at risk identified	No.s of young people with risk management plans/Pre assessment checklist/CAFS	600 young people identified. 200 targeted across 4 boroughs for action.		
13	Voyage	£ 410,000.00	£ 350,000.00		Supporting 200 at risk young people in targeted programmes	90% non offending rate for participants. Reduction in FTEs to CJS	200 young people engaged in programmes- 90% non offending rate maintained		
14	SCD calling the shots/Mediation		£ 200,000.00		High risk gang members- 100	Gang members engaged/exiting gangs	Project delayed		
15	Engaging young people MPA		£ 600,000.00				Funding on-going evaluation of MPS Youth Strategy, and smaller grants where information not available at present		
16	Diamond Districts		£ 600,000.00		Supporting young people subject to detention and post detention	Prevention strategies developed in diamond districts, linked to no.s of risk management plans for young people.	Prevention strategies in place		
17	A&E Interventions						Project being taken forward by Op Blunt 2- Funds re-allocated.		
18	Stolen Lives "Knife Programme"	£ 80,000.00	£ 250,000.00		details being copiled	details being copiled	details being copiled		
19	Public Protection Desks			£ 2,650,000.00	32 Public Protection desks in all Boroughs-	Train all MPs staff- increase Merlin reprts	Merlin reports increase from 9100 per month to 20,000 per month- all MPsSStaff trained in ECM		
20	Safer Schools Partnerships PCSOs			£ 3,600,000.00	All secondary school children	Increased confidence in policing Increasing young people confidence in No.s of schools with SSP/youth priorities	224 Police Officers dedcated to SSPs. 101 PCSOs allocated to support SSPs		
21	Safer Schools Partnerships PCs			£ 10,900,000.00					
22	SCD gang tension mentoring programme		£ 300,000.00				project delayed		
23	Restorative Approach to dealing with minor issues (RAiN)		£ 150,000.00				4 boroughs in MPS pilot. 500 staff trained in RJ		
24	LYCPB Schools Award	£ 50,000.00					Pilot Programme in 26 schools-Pan London Roll-out planned		
		£ 2,154,500.00	£ 4,250,000.00	£ 19,300,000.00					
	* Some of this expenditure may roll over to 2009/10								
Note: 1	Not all of the expenditure supporting the Youth Strategy is identified above, as it forms part of the normal BOCU expenditure.								
	These will include support from Safer Neighbourhood Teams and also support to the Youth Offending Teams.								
	In addition activity by Safer Transport Teams undertake activity on transport networks around schools.								
2	It is not possible at this stage to identify costs incurred by other Business Groups on youth related activities.								
	Work is continuing to identify such costs.								