

Safer Stockton Partnership Investment Plan 2009/10 LIFE update

1. Members will recall that at our last session we discussed the Partnership Investment Plan for the current financial year. The plan was agreed with the only significant change from the 2008/09 plan being the allocation within Diverting Young People from Offending. It was agreed that this would be used to fund two sessions of the LIFE project.
2. Since our last meeting discussion has taken place with the PCT and they have agreed to add a further £5,000 to the pot. The Fire Service has changed the format of the programme and graduates are now trained to TROCN level and leave the course with an accreditation. The course itself runs over 8 days now. The cost has increased to £7,500 per course so with the PCT contribution we can purchase two sessions.
3. It has been agreed that the young people can be identified from a range sources and that their names will be put before the YISP panel who will make a decision on who should attend. This will ensure that those that do attend are able to get the best out of the programme. Using this process will also identify a named worker who will support the young person throughout and after the LIFE sessions with the aim of either getting them back into mainstream education, accessing alternative education or training or work.
4. The Police have also accessed additional funding to run a further course in the year. They would like to take applicants from Westland School, it is suggested that these young people should also be put before the YISP to assess suitability. Following this process will allow us to evaluate success at the end of the year.
5. A lot of work is done in the run up to mischief night and bonfire night, therefore it is suggested that we book a course in October as this would complement this work .
6. The current Mayor of Stockton is Councillor Paul Kirton who also represents the Fire Authority on this partnership. It is suggested that he be asked to attend the graduations in his role as Mayor.
7. Members are asked to consider and endorse:
 - a) That the young people who will benefit from the course be identified using the YISP
 - b) That one of our sessions be used in October 2009
 - c) That the Mayor of Stockton be asked to attend the graduation ceremonies, subject to his availability.