

WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – DATE 2010

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service – Children and Young People's Policy

1.0 Background

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service's Youth Engagement Department has an award winning track record of successfully engaging with children and young people across Merseyside. The Children and Young People policy is to inform partners of our overriding purpose.

2.0 Provision of Services

MFRS engages with children and young people as a non- statutory provider of services to its community. As a public body we use our powerful brand to engage with those young people who are often disaffected with education and often have low aspirations.

3.0 Progress

We have an excellent track record over a seven year period of successfully engaging with children and young people including being the only Fire and Rescue Service to have been awarded a Beacon status for 'Early Intervention Children at Risk'.

4.0 Finance

The Youth Engagement Department relies on securing external funding to support the delivery of numerous programmes and initiatives aimed at different age groups. These initiatives are Beacon, LIFE, School Fire Liaison Officers, Prince's Trust, EARLY and Road Traffic Collision Reduction. We hope that with the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review we will be able to secure new opportunities to work with other partners with the same vision of making our community safer, stronger and healthier.

5.0 Recommendations:

That Wirral Children's Trust Board note the report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 CYP policy

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