

**SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
2nd JUNE 2008**

**REQUEST TO EXTEND FUNDING OF A PREVIOUS ALLOCATION BEYOND THE
PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE**

Phoenix Project

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service were allocated a total of £36,000 for the period of November 2005 to November 2007, from six Area Committees. The South Area Committee contribution was £6,000. The project has only claimed a total of £1,600 leaving £4,400. The reason for this being that it has operated with considerably less staffing resources than anticipated.

We have received a request: -

- to transfer the lead organisation from the Fire and Rescue Service to Youth Offending Service
- extend the delivery date to March 2009
- transfer expenditure from capital to revenue
- amend project delivery.

The original award was to run an additional day course to build the success of the four-day course that was being delivered at the time and to complete capital work at the Farringdon Fire Station.

During 2007 a pilot was launched to see if young people that were offered the opportunity to participate in an advanced course called 'Respect' would re-offend in the future. This proved very successful. This two-day course was aimed at young people who have completed the original Phoenix. Four courses were delivered, with 34 young people targeted to be involved. One out of the 34 re-offended since completing the course, during a three-month monitoring period.

It is the feeling of the Youth Offending Service and the Fire and Rescue service that this would have a wider impact if this good practice could be rolled out across the City. If agreed the project would actively seek to work with up to 60 young people to participate on the Respect course.

The Area Committee is therefore requested to approve: -

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