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COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM NEW STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

Six new community fire stations and a youth academy will be just some of the new facilities the community will benefit from in Teesside.

Cleveland Fire Brigade was successful in a joint bid with County Durham and Darlington and Northumberland Fire and Rescue Services in receiving government Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding.

The money will be used to modernise the service by building a state of the art training facility for the learning and development purposes of operational and community safety personnel, a modern headquarters building, as well as a new Youth Academy and six community fire stations. The Brigade's vehicle workshops will also be modernised.

The stations will be at the heart of the community and will aim to address local issues and in particular look to improve community involvement, increase partnership delivery, deliver local initiatives aimed at arson reduction and improve performance against the local area agreement indicators.

Tony Churchill <Job Title> said: "We are really excited about this project and what it will bring to the community. We will be consulting with the public not only through the local planning applications but also through contact during our normal Community Safety activities, we welcome comments and would ask that when invited please get involved and help the Brigade deliver modern Fire Brigade facilities aimed at making a positive difference.

"The six stations we plan to build are Headland, Thornaby, Hartlepool, Grangetown, Middlesbrough and Billingham. At present the plan is to build them on the current sites, however, we are still trying to identify alternative sites. The new Headquarters will be combined with the youth academy, workshops, stores and learning development centre which will be at the same site as the current headquarters with additional land.

"The work to start the new builds in 2011/12 and should last 72 weeks. All the remaining stations will be modernised on a rolling programme."

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