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EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Tom Aitchison  
Chief Executive  
City of Edinburgh Council

20 February 2008

Dear Tom

Possible Council Budget Cuts  
in council local community services and in funding for voluntary groups.

Please refer this letter to the full council at its budget meeting this Thursday 21 February 2008.

Members of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils are deeply concerned about reports of possible cuts in funding proposed in the budget before the City council at its meeting on 21 February 2008. The Executive Committee of the Association regards the possibility of cuts in the council's local community support activities and reductions in funding to voluntary groups as likely to have major negative impact on the quality of life in communities that already face many challenges and particularly those members of our communities who in the most vulnerable situations.

We urge the Council to avoid taking any budget decisions that would have such impacts. We are puzzled as to why the council might be considering such steps when the recent approved Scottish budget, approved by the Scottish Parliament, plans to increase funding for the voluntary sector over the next three financial years.

Yours sincerely

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