

## Community Learning and Development Review – Proposed Closure of Community Centres

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### City of Edinburgh Council

29 April 2010

#### Purpose of Report

- 1 To refer recommendations by the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership following consideration of a motion on the proposed closure of community centres in Edinburgh and in the South West Neighbourhood area in particular.

#### Main Report

- 2 On 30 March 2010, the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership approved the following motion by Councillor Rust submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“This Neighbourhood Partnership:

- (a) notes that Ward 8 Colinton/Fairmilehead, among other wards in the city is affected by the current proposals for the redesign of Community Learning Development (CLD), including the proposed closure of Colinton Mains Community Centre;
- (b) recognises the importance of community centres to local communities and the invaluable work undertaken by those involved in their management and running of such centres for local residents of all ages;
- (c) notes that the Strategic Redesign group included five members of the Liberal Democrat/SNP Council Administration and five officers of the Council, with no opposition representation;
- (d) notes that the Review Group decision was not communicated to staff or to Management Committee members or to local Councillors prior to the decision being communicated through the media and there is still no official Council report that shows in detail how this review has been undertaken or attempting to justify the proposals that were trailed in the Evening News against any kind of clear criteria;
- (e) notes that the impact of the proposals falls disproportionately on the South West of the city;

- (f) notes that no substantial alternative delivery models were considered, representing a missed opportunity;
- (g) requests that that Council cease the current CLD Review forthwith and a new review is initiated with involvement from Opposition Group members and consultation with Neighbourhood Partnerships and local communities across the city;
- (h) agrees to refer this motion to the next meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council on 29 April 2010."

### **Recommendation**

- 3 That the Council considers the recommendations by the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership.



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Appendix	None
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Wards affected	2 – Pentland Hills; 8 – Colinton/Fairmilehead
Background Papers	Minute of Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership 30 March 2010