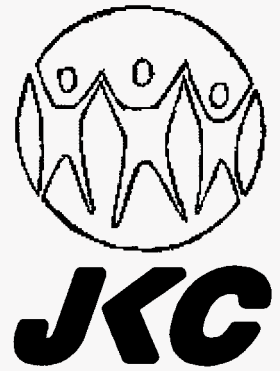


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## ITEM No 5



**To:**

**Members of the Standards Sub-Committee for Children and Families  
(East)**

10 December 2007

Dear Councillor

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in your consideration of the recent review of the work of the Jack Kane Community Centre.

We are very proud of the successful work being carried out in the Centre, particularly with young people, which is reflected in the assessment made by your officers.

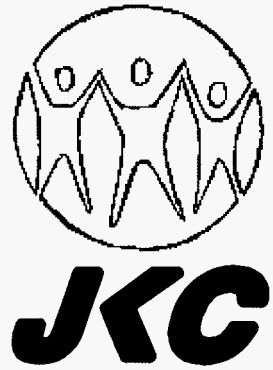
We are, however, extremely concerned about the future of the Centre which is presently being discussed by Council officers and the Council's property development company EDI/PARC at meetings from which we have been deliberately excluding from participating in. We would ask that the Sub-Committee include in its recommendations that we should be fully informed and involved in all discussions about our Centre's future. What we want to avoid is the far too often situation where we are only "consulted" after a decision has effectively been made.

Yours sincerely

Paul Nolan  
Chairman

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## ITEM No 5



**Report to Jack Kane Management Committee  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007**

## **Renewable Energy Project**

In October the Centre was invited to apply for a grant from European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) to establish a renewable energy project based at the Jack Kane Community Centre. The project will investigate the best ways of using renewable energy resources, in particular wind turbine and solar panels, to enable the Centre to work towards significantly reducing its carbon footprint and achieving government targets, while at the same time helping to reduce the Centre's energy costs. The project's first phase will implement the construction of one renewable energy facility at the Jack Kane Centre.

The project will work with accredited experts in this field and draw on their professional knowledge and expertise. As a second phase, the project will plan and prepare for the construction of renewable energy facilities in a further six community buildings in the Craigmillar area. The project would also intend to work with communities outside of the wider Craigmillar area to share its knowledge and experience and to increase the impact of its work.

The ERDF bid is part of a city wide scheme which has been coordinated by the Edinburgh Partnership with the support of the City of Edinburgh Council. The earliest start date is likely to be April 2008 and will depend on the needs of all the successful bids. The project will seek additional financial support through renewable energy schemes operated by the Scottish and UK government agencies. Match funding for the project would also come from Community Regeneration Funding (CRF). The total estimated ERDF grant for one year's operational costs would be £42,000 with a further £63,000 coming from all other match funding, making a total project cost of £105,000.

The Committee is asked to support this application.

Paul Nolan  
Chairman