



Budget Review – Summary Report

Ref No:	CO ENV05 Community & Play			
Review Title:	Community Centres			
Department:	Environmental Services		Resp. Officer: John Tomlinson	
Cabinet Portfolio:	L&C			
Review Type:	Service Reduction / Cost Reduction			
Background	The Sport & Leisure Division has a small Community Centre Team (CCT) that supports the operation of 25 community centres across the city. Whilst the Council is responsible for all of the buildings we only manage 5 of the 25 centres; the rest are managed by community groups (with support from the CCT). The cost of this function includes the 2 FTE posts, caretaking and cleaning costs (for the 5), fuel and other operating costs. The service was reviewed in 2007/8 and budget savings were proposed based on transferring management of the centres to local community groups. This has been done for several of the centres – only five remain in council management and it is proposed that these are also transferred to community management.			
Outline Business Case:				
Options:	To transfer the management of the remaining community centres to voluntary/community groups and to cease support to the remaining centres. To transfer management of the centres to another agency.			
Benefits expected: (To be updated at each review period covered by the highlight report)	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Existing targets			130	
New Targets				
One-off Implementation Costs			Possible redundancy costs.	
Risks:	Without ongoing support some centres under community management may encounter problems at an operational level. This could make them unavailable to local groups (loss of amenity) and other agencies, such as the Youth Service, Police, etc.			
Timescales	Can be implemented from April 2011.			