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**Document Description:**

This report sets out the principles and rationale of a Community HUB model which aims to make best use of our high-quality school estate, explore how schools can be utilised more as community assets and better meet the needs of communities by integrating services for children, their families and the local community. It also takes on board learning from our Community Support Centres (CSCs) that were established as part of our COVID-19 response.

**Intended Outcome:**

Implement a place-based approach that redesigns the way we deliver support, education and leisure to our communities to achieve better outcomes for communities, delivers on city priorities and rationalises the cluster of buildings in a community. Specific proposals are for the Kirkton area using St Paul's RC Academy and Baldragon Academy as HUBs so Kirkton Community Centre & Library is no longer required.

**How will the proposal be monitored?**

This will be monitored through the Changing for the Future Programme Board and reports to the Policy and Resources Committee. The savings referred to will form part of the savings monitoring process as part of the Council's budget monitoring. As a trial for the wider roll out of Community HUBs, a benefits evaluation will be carried out consulting the stakeholders on the objectives achieved. Increased use of the new HUBs and by which sections of the population will provide empirical evidence of the effectiveness of the proposal.

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## **A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

<b>Age:</b>	No Impact
<b>Disability:</b>	Positive
<b>Gender Reassignment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership:</b>	No Impact
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Religion or Belief:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sex:</b>	No Impact
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	No Impact

### **Equality and diversity Implications:**

Potential benefit is that the schools are designed with full disability accessibility criteria and have an ongoing requirement to be suitable for additional support needs.

### **Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Each user group of Kirkton Community Centre will be consulted with.

**Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No**

## **B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:**

### **Geography**

<b>Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):</b>	Positive
<b>Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):</b>	No Impact
<b>Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):</b>	No Impact
<b>Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):</b>	No Impact
<b>North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):</b>	No Impact
<b>East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):</b>	No Impact
<b>The Ferry:</b>	No Impact
<b>West End:</b>	No Impact

### **Household Group**

<b>Lone Parent Families:</b>	Positive
<b>Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:</b>	Positive
<b>Pensioners - Single/Couple:</b>	No Impact
<b>Single female households with children:</b>	Positive
<b>Unskilled workers or unemployed:</b>	No Impact
<b>Serious and enduring mental health problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Homeless:</b>	No Impact
<b>Drug and/or alcohol problems:</b>	No Impact
<b>Offenders and Ex-offenders:</b>	No Impact
<b>Looked after children and care leavers:</b>	Positive
<b>Carers:</b>	No Impact

**Significant Impact**

<b>Employment:</b>	No Impact
<b>Education and Skills:</b>	Positive
<b>Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:</b>	Positive
<b>Childcare:</b>	Positive
<b>Affordability and Accessibility of services:</b>	Positive

**Fairness and Poverty Implications:**

The Community Hub proposals aim to be beneficial as a long term strategy to improve local community access to a wider range of facilities available in schools and to provide better integrated services to communities that are financially sustainable. Specifically, children and their families may find it more accessible to join and make use of activities and services run from a building with which they are already familiar. There is a potential detriment to current users of a community centre proposed for closure but engagement will be carried out to mitigate impacts as services and activities transition from one location to another. The aim is to maintain and potentially expand services and activities for this community.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Careful engagement and consultation with the affected groups to mitigate the change from the community centre to the community HUB and relocating where necessary.

**C. Environmental Impacts**

**Climate Change**

<b>Mitigating greenhouse gases:</b>	No Impact
<b>Adapting to the effects of climate change:</b>	No Impact

**Resource Use**

<b>Energy efficiency and consumption:</b>	Positive
<b>Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:</b>	Positive
<b>Sustainable Procurement:</b>	Positive

**Transport**

<b>Accessible transport provision:</b>	Positive
<b>Sustainable modes of transport:</b>	Positive

**Natural Environment**

<b>Air, land and water quality:</b>	No Impact
<b>Biodiversity:</b>	No Impact
<b>Open and green spaces:</b>	No Impact

**Built Environment**

<b>Built Heritage:</b>	No Impact
<b>Housing:</b>	No Impact

**Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment?**

It has been determined that the proposal will have no or minimal environmental effects. The reason(s) for this determination are set out in the following SEA pre-Screening Determination section.

**Pre-Screening Determination:**

The proposal is to base a wider range of services in the current and planned school estate instead of the existing community centre or planning additional community buildings. The school estate already has an eco-school commitment. Reduced number of buildings (3 to 2 in the short term) will have a positive impact on resource use.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Any increased energy use in school buildings will be offset by reducing the number of buildings in use overall.

## **D. Corporate Risk Impacts**

**Corporate Risk Implications:**

There are risks associated with the subject matter of this report which depart from the norm of Council activity but having undertaken analysis of the upside and downside risks of the activity there is a clear benefit to the Council or its citizens in undertaking the activity in the manner proposed. The downside financial exposure to the Council is less than £250,000 and there is not the potential for significant censure from press or public.

**Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions:** None