

**Middleton Skills Centre – Transfer to Children’s Services / FM
Member briefing February 2013**

The Middleton Skills Centre is one of the centres which forms part of the community centre portfolio that is delegated to the inner south Area Committee.

As part of the community centres review, led by an advisory board that is chaired by Neil Evans, Middleton Skills Centre has been identified as an asset that would sit better with another directorate as it is not a building that is open to the community for lettings.

Three user groups currently occupy the centre – Children’s Services, NACRO and Connections Health and Social Care.

- Children’s Services occupy office space at the moment and in future intend to host Family Group Conferencing at the centre, which will require more space to be made available to Children’s Services.
- NACRO occupies office space as well as some space to deliver targeted work to young people engaged in their service. NACRO do not pay any charges for the four rooms they occupy.
- Connections Health and Social Care, who occupy office space, is an organisation that provides care services to older people. Connections pay for the space they occupy.

Discussions are taking place with Children’s Services and Facilities Management regarding where the building would be most appropriately vested. Children’s Services cover the running costs of the building. If the building transfers to Children’s Services it will have no impact on their budget. If it transfers to Facilities Management, they will recharge Children’s Services for the running costs, again, having no impact on their budget.

The transfer of the building to a different directorate will have no impact on users as business will continue as usual.

A report will be presented to Area Committee in due course.