

Protect our Working Together service

To Councillor.....
The City of Edinburgh Council
City Chambers
High Street
Edinburgh

Date.....

Dear Councillor,

I believe that children should get the help they need, when they need it, to be supported in their school, their family and their community.

The Working Together Service was designed to do just that, yet the Council is planning huge cuts in it. Less staff at any level will mean less children can be helped when they need that help. It is well known that early help has far more success than trying to solve problems when things have broken down.

Please help save the Working Together service.

Yours sincerely

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone No.....

The Council says it wants more early intervention... **SO IT CUTS IT**

The City of Edinburgh Council says it wants children to get the help they need, when they need it.

It says it wants 'early intervention' to support children and schools when difficulties arise, rather than waiting to pick up the pieces.

So why on earth is it planning huge cuts in 'Working Together', the very service that delivers that?

Working Together is the service that works with children, young people, their families and their schools to try to:-

- Support children and young people in their local school
- Support them at home, and
- Support them in their community.

At least 6 staff will go. The Council says it is a 'management' cut but these staff work directly with children, co-ordinate services and provide much needed support and

advice to staff who are dealing with complex and often risky situations.

The service has already been cut and now faces even more cuts in addition to these staff losses. Why has this, of all services, been singled out?

It makes no sense to us. This is Edinburgh's flagship service that delivers all that the Council wants.

- support to keep young people in school and with their families
- help at an early stage when they need it, not when it could be too late
- help that brings a range of professionals together to 'Get it Right for Every Child', just as the Government wants.

Yet, they are cutting it!

If you want to help save this service, please fill in the form over-leaf and tell your councillor



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