

11 December 2009

Councillor Deidre Brock,  
Convenor, Culture and Leisure Committee,  
City of Edinburgh Council,  
City Chambers,  
High Street,  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Deidre,

**Proposed closure of leisure centre crèches**

I am writing to express my concern over the Council's recent proposal to close the four remaining crèches at its swimming and leisure centres.

The closures of the crèches will make it harder for parents and mothers in particular to take part in swimming and other leisure activities. Without proper child care outside the home, many parents with young children will no longer be able to take part in important recreational activities that benefit their health and involvement in the community. The proposed closures would go against the sports, health and community development policies of both the UK and the Scottish governments.

I would urge your committee to reconsider the proposal and allow the crèches to remain open.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Lazarowicz