

Heartbroken community praised

Following the discovery of a boy's body in Fife believed to be missing Drylaw toddler, Mikaeel Lukar, Community Safety Leader and local councillor Cammy Day today spoke of the impact of the unfolding situation on the local community in North Edinburgh.

Councillor Day said: "Although there hasn't been formal confirmation as yet, it's looking increasingly certain that today the community is having to face the outcome that everyone dreaded, namely that Mikaeel has not been found safe and well as we all prayed he would be. This is an absolutely tragic situation and my heart goes out to Mikaeel's friends and loved ones who are now having to come to terms with such devastating news.

"These past two days have seen an incredible outpouring of community spirit, with hundreds of volunteers giving up their time to join the search for Mikaeel. It was a very moving thing to see the community pull together like that and I know that people will continue to support each other in the days and weeks ahead as we all try to come to terms with this heartbreaking outcome.

"Members of the local community have organised a special vigil at St Andrew's Muirhouse Parish Church at 7 o'clock tonight, which will give us all an opportunity to unite as one and pay tribute to Mikaeel.

"My thanks to everyone who's played their part throughout this situation, you have all given Edinburgh so much to be proud of."