


Regeneration plans for Muirhouse to be discussed at information event



A public information event to highlight North West Edinburgh Partnership Centre and Muirhouse regeneration plans will be held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 to give local people the chance to find out more about plans for the proposed new North West Edinburgh Partnership Centre.

NHS Lothian is leading on the development of the new £12m Centre and members of the project team will be available on the day to explain the latest designs and answer any questions from the public.

The event, which will run from 3pm until 7pm at the North Edinburgh Arts Centre, will also have information on the wider regeneration of the Muirhouse and Pennywell area.

 Peter Gabbitas, Joint Director, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership said: “The plans for the proposed new North West Edinburgh Partnership centre are progressing well and we anticipate submitting the planning application in the next few months.

“I’d like to welcome the local public along to this open session in order to see the latest designs and have any questions answered by our project team.

“The Centre will enable NHS Lothian to work much more closely with the Council and in doing so put children’s health and welfare at the forefront of our services.”

The new building will bring increased health and social care services to the local community, including new GP accommodation and additional physiotherapy, podiatry, dentistry and child health services.

The City of Edinburgh Council is currently developing the existing masterplan for the area surrounding the proposed North West Edinburgh Partnership Centre including the library, the mall, arts centre and Pennywell Road.

In addition, through the Council's 21st Century Homes programme, 34 homes are due to be completed at West Pilton Crescent by Autumn 2014.

A site start is expected during late spring/early summer 2014 on the first phase of the Pennywell regeneration, which will eventually provide a total of 719 homes for rent and sale with 356 for Council rent.

Hub South East Scotland Ltd, the Council and NHS Lothian's development partner, has been involved in the regeneration planning for North West Edinburgh.

Paul McGirk, Chief Executive, said: "The Hub initiative is all about enabling the delivery of better, joined up services for communities. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend the event to find out more about this important development for their area.

The event takes place at the North Edinburgh Arts Centre, EH4 4TZ and runs from 3pm to 7pm.

A buffet and special prize draw also on offer to those who attend the event