4 WHITFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE - HEATING FAILURE (AN2-2010)

In late October during a visit to repair the gas warm air unit which supplies the heating at the above premises, the contractor discovered that the main heat exchanger was close to failure.

This was reported to the Architectural Services Department and a further inspection was immediately carried out by Council Officers who agreed with the contractor. The failure was considered dangerous as it had the potential to allow deadly gases to escape into the warm air stream. In accordance with current 'Gas Safe' regulations the unit was condemned and had to be switched off. This left the premises without heat at the onset of winter.

In these extreme circumstances and following approval from the Chief Executive a quotation was negotiated with G K Scotia, Glenrothes at a cost not exceeding £10,000. The work was subsequently carried out as an emergency and is now complete, without the centre having to be closed. This will be met from the Leisure and Communities 2009-2010 Capital Budget.