

#### **4 ENERGY ACTION SCOTLAND - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (AN115-2006)**

Members are asked to authorise the Director of Housing to continue membership of Energy Action Scotland (EAS) at a cost of £150 plus VAT per annum to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account.

Energy Action Scotland is the Scottish National Fuel Poverty charity. Its work in the next year will focus on schemes aimed at tackling fuel poverty and in particular the longer term plans for improving hard to heat properties and for assisting vulnerable groups not currently eligible for help. It will continue to campaign on issues of fuel debt and disconnection and press for protection for vulnerable customers in the context of rising fuel prices.

Membership of EAS entitles the Council to receive weekly e-mail updates on debates on fuel poverty and energy efficiency from both Westminster and Holyrood as well as regular briefing papers, quarterly newsletters, etc. It also provides opportunities for networking with other members working within the fields of fuel poverty and energy efficiency in Scotland. These all assist the Council in developing and implementing the Dundee Fuel Poverty Strategy as required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 and in improving the energy efficiency of the housing stock in line with the requirements of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995.