

**7 HOUSING DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF HOMELESS OFFICER POST
(AN125-2003)**

In response to additional duties arising from the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 a review of the Homeless Services Unit has been carried out by the Director of Housing and Director of Personnel and Management Services. The Act now requires the Homeless Service Unit to accommodate and provide enhanced advice and assistance to non priority homeless persons. This has led to a significant increase in the number of presentations from single persons with complex needs who require support services to achieve independent living.

The Personnel and Management Services Committee is asked to approve the establishment of a post of Homeless Officer, graded AP2 (£13,984 - £16,217) to deal with the increased demand.

This post will be funded through the Other Housing budget.