

7 MEMBERSHIP FEES (AN126-2002)

(a) ENERGY ACTION SCOTLAND - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Committee is asked to authorise the Director of Housing to continue membership of Energy Action Scotland at a cost of £132 plus VAT per annum to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account.

Energy Action Scotland is a national energy charity whose aims are to promote energy efficiency and energy conservation in Scottish households, as well as addressing the issues of fuel poverty. The annual fee will give the Housing Department access to training in energy awareness at discounted rates, briefing papers on changes in energy policy and legislation and reports and publications. It will also give opportunities for networking with other members concerned with energy issues and projects.

Membership of Energy Action Scotland will assist the Council in developing its strategy for improving the energy efficiency of its housing stock in line with the requirements of the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA).

(b) HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1995 (HECA) - SCOTTISH HECA OFFICERS' NETWORK (SHON)

The Committee is asked to authorise the Director of Housing to continue membership of the Scottish HECA Officers' Network (SHON) at the cost of £300 plus VAT per annum. The cost includes the expense of speakers at each Network Forum:-

SHON provides the forum for Scottish Local Authorities (Energy Conservation Authorities (ECAs) under the Home Energy Conservation Act) to swap ideas and discuss issues raised through implementing HECA. As well as providing information, advice and support for all ECAs, the forum assists in preparing biannual HECA progress reports to the Scottish Executive.

SHON will continue to provide aforementioned benefits to Energy Conservation Authorities.