

## **5 A FUEL POVERTY STRATEGY FOR DUNDEE – REVISED STATISTICS (AN133-2004)**

Communities Scotland have issued a letter dated 9th March, 2004 advising that some of the statistics in the Scottish House Condition Survey 2002 report are being revised as a result of a technical error. The whole of the chapter on Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty is affected. In re-analysing the fuel poverty figures the agency has found that there are fewer households in fuel poverty – the figure for Scotland should be 286,000 rather than 369,000. Further breakdowns of the fuel poverty figures for local authority areas are not yet available but will be published on the Communities Scotland website in the near future.

Members should be aware that the statistical information in the section “Extent and Nature of Fuel Poverty in Dundee” (pp12-14 of the Fuel Poverty Strategy attached to Housing Committee Report 176-2004) is based on the Scottish House Condition Survey 2002 report. As Communities Scotland advise not to use any of these figures, the validity of the statistics cannot be guaranteed.

However, other sources indicate that fuel poverty is very much an issue for a number of people in Dundee and the key tasks in the Action Plan are unlikely to change once replacement figures are issued.

Further reports will be presented to Members as required.