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The SCDI is an independent, broadly based membership organisation which seeks to influence, shape and improve Scotland's economy through the formulation and promotion of innovative, non-partisan public policies and the delivery of market driven services and initiatives for members. The City Council and its predecessors, Dundee District Council and Tayside Regional Council, have consistently found membership of the SCDI to be beneficial from public lobbying, individual assistance and networking viewpoints.

COSLA has recommended that support for the SCDI should be renewed for the coming year at rates agreed between SCDI and COSLA. In Dundee's case the appropriate rate is £1,980.

It is recommended that the Committee agree to continue Council membership of the SCDI for the year 2004/2005, with the expenditure being met from the approved Economic Development Revenue Estimates for that financial year.