

9 REDESIGNATION OF POST - INFORMATION OFFICER (AN160-2002)

In order to address concerns about communication identified by the Education Committee Morale Working Group a seconded post of Information Officer was created within the Education Department in September 1999. The post was graded as an Adviser on £37,902 per annum. The post has produced significant benefits for the Department and received particularly favourable mention in the recent Report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education into the functions of the education authority. The original remit of the post has also been expanded to include management of the collection of statistical information as required by the authority, The Scottish Executive and other agencies.

In light of this it is proposed to redesignate the post Education Officer (Communication and Information) graded as an Adviser on £37,902. It is further proposed to establish this post on a permanent basis, with the current postholder confirmed in post.

There is financial provision for the cost of this post within the Education Revenue Budget for Education Management and Support Provision.

The Committee's approval is requested.