

8 CORPORATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT - DUNDEE DISCOVERY CARD - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIXED TERM POST (AN186-2005)

The Dundee Discovery Card project currently provides support on an ad hoc basis to the eleven local authorities which have Smartcard applications. The terms of the recent MGF3 award and, in particular, the requirement to deliver a card for elderly concessionary travel has led to an increased interest in the Dundee model. In addition, the Scottish Executive's MGF allocation conditions clearly state that Councils are expected to use "the specification established by the SCASC (Scottish Citizen's Account Smartcard Consortium) programme".

The Scottish Executive has agreed funding for a post to provide this support through the Dundee Discovery Card project.

Accordingly, the Committee is requested to approve the establishment of one fixed term post of Projects Officer for a period of two years on a grade of AP4/5, £20,808 - £25,857. This will cost a maximum of £32,321 inclusive of employer's costs in a full financial year and will be met from Scottish Executive funding.