

11 HOUSING DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTARY PRIVATE LANDLORD ACCREDITATION SCHEME - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIXED TERM POST (AN202-2005)

The Committee is asked to approve the establishment of a fixed term post of Project Officer (Voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme), graded AP5, £23,739 - £25,857, for a fixed term period of 12 months from the date of appointment.

The National Core Standards and Good Practice Guidance for Private Landlords and for Local Accreditation Scheme was launched by Communities Scotland in June 2004. Dundee City Council has been selected as one of four local authorities to pilot the guidance through a voluntary landlord accreditation scheme.

A multi-agency steering group was formed to address the many issues and in order to progress the pilot, the group recommended that a full time officer be appointed to implement the scheme. It is therefore proposed that a post of Project Officer (Voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme) be established for a period of 12 months to oversee the development and implementation of the scheme.

The cost of the proposal will be £36,304 inclusive of employer's costs. This post and associated costs will be funded by a grant of up to £90,000 for the period 2004/05 - 2005/06 awarded by the Scottish Executive. There are no implications for the Housing Revenue Account or the General Fund.