

#### **4 ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE (AN220-2007)**

Reference is made to Article IX of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 19th February 2007 when it was agreed to accept the offer from Torith Limited in the sum of £588,222.56 and a total project cost of £659,722.56 including allowances; conditional upon Big Lottery funding being confirmed and final legal agreement with the Highland Reserve Forces and Cadet Association.

Subsequently there were delays in completing the above conditions and as a result the contractor's offer validity period expired and a final decision was taken to include a spinkler system within the building. Negotiations have taken place with Torith Limited and a revised offer has been accepted in the amount of £639,352.56 resulting in a total project cost of £703,352.56 including allowances. This additional expenditure of £43,630 will be met from the Council budget for Health and Safety in the Council's 2007/2008 Capital Plan.