

**6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO TEMPORARY PEST CONTROL OFFICER POSTS (AN231-2004)**

The Committee is asked to approve the establishment of two Temporary Pest Control Officer posts for an initial period of two years within the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department.

The demands placed on the Pest Control Section have increased over the years and it is now required to provide a range of services over and above those they were more traditionally involved in, particularly in its bird work activities and rabbit control measures.

Additional staffing resources are required to enable the Council to meet the demands placed on the Pest Control Service and the Committee is asked to approve the establishment of two Temporary Pest Control Operators, graded Tech 2 (£14,811 - £16,449) for an initial two year period.

The cost of implementing these proposals would be £39,094 in a full financial year. There is no provision within the existing Environmental Health and Trading Standards Revenue Budget, however, it is anticipated that income generated from additional bird proofing/rabbit control activities will substantially offset the cost and be self financing by the end of the two year period.