

#### **4 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCOTTISH THROUGH-CARE AND AFTERCARE FORUM (AN266-2002)**

The Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum works across Scotland to improve support for young people leaving care. The Forum disseminates information, promotes good practice, creates supportive networks and influences national development as well as local service delivery.

Membership of the Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum is open to all Scottish Local Authorities and voluntary organisations and will provide a regular source of information about policy and practice. By July 2002, 22 Scottish Authorities and 18 voluntary organisations had taken up membership.

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to an annual membership payment to the Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum, currently £750 for a city authority, which will be funded from the Social Work Revenue Budget.