

## **11 THE 2005 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS (AN269-2005)**

The Special Olympics National Summer Games are to be held in Scotland for the first time in 2005. Glasgow is hosting the event from 1st to 9th July, 2005.

In the build up to the event, the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" is to be run from London to Glasgow by representatives from the 43 British Police Forces across Great Britain. The run is in celebration of Special Olympics GB's 7th National Summer Games that will bring together 2700 Special Olympics athletes from around the country to take part in a week of sporting achievement in sports including swimming, athletics, football, kayaking, golf and judo.

The "Flame of Hope" commenced its 1,688 mile, 16 city journey on 17th April, 2005 at the Flora London Marathon. Dundee has been selected as one of the 16 cities that will host the "Flame of Hope" and the flame will travel from Forfar on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2005 arriving in Dundee at 2 pm for approximately 2 hours.

It is planned that the "Flame of Hope" will be passed to a Police Officer and Special Olympian at the top of Seagate and they will run to City Square. There will be 12 Disability Sport Athletes placed around the Square and they will take it in turn to carry the Flame around the perimeter of City Square. It will then be taken to the Lord Provost's Office where he and a Special Olympian will accept it on behalf of the City of Dundee. It is proposed to hold a short ceremony in City Square before all police and Special Olympics athletes attend a short civic reception within the City Chambers.

The Lord Provost has been in communication with the Disability Sport Officer regarding arrangements.