

1 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - APPOINTMENT (AN283-2003)

Starting in 2001/02 Dundee City Council was provided with £9 million over a three year period from the Scottish Executive via the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF).

The broad objective of the funding being to deliver better services within targeted neighbourhoods of Kirkton and Hilltown.

An important condition of the funding is to ensure that an effective external evaluation of the two BNSF initiatives is carried out. To that end a tendering process was undertaken locally. Only one tender was subsequently received that being from, Scottish Economic Research, University of Abertay at a cost of £12,100, excluding VAT.

This tender is considered to represent value for money and the Committee is asked to agree to the appointment of Scottish Economic Research as the BNSF external evaluator in Dundee.