

11 HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1995 (HECA) – SCOTTISH HECA OFFICERS' NETWORK (SHON) (AN308-2003)

The Committee is asked to authorise the Director of Housing to continue membership of the Scottish HECA Officers' Network (SHON) at the cost of £300 plus VAT per annum. The cost includes the expense of speakers at each Network Forum.

SHON provides the forum for Scottish Local Authorities (Energy Conservation Authorities (ECAs) under the Home Energy Conservation Act) to swap ideas and discuss issues raised through implementing HECA. As well as providing information, advice and support for all ECAs, the Forum assists in preparing biannual HECA progress reports to the Scottish Executive.

SHON will continue to provide aforementioned benefits to Energy Conservation Authorities.

The forum has recently expanded to tackle issues relative to the development of a Fuel Poverty Strategy as required by each local authority in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.