6 SCOTTISH MOTOR VEHICLE TESTING UNIT (SMVTU) - CEASING OF OPERATIONS (AN384-2006)

With reference to Article III of minute of meeting of this committee of 14th August 2001, members are asked to note that Dundee City Council is ceasing to manage the operation of the above Unit with effect from 31st January 2007.

Set up in February 2001, the SMVTU is a multi-authority consortium, managed by Dundee City Council, which has provided a motor vehicle testing service for local authorities in its six years of operation.

After an evaluation, it has been determined that continued involvement in this service does not represent best value and consequently Dundee City Council is withdrawing from this consortium. With no other local authority willing to take on the management of this service, it will be wound up with effect 31st January 2007

There is likely to be a small balance of monies will be disbursed to member authorities in appropriate proportions by the end of the current financial year.

Dundee City Council will continue to monitor motor vehicle sales and servicing activities on an ad hoc basis, resulting in savings to the council yet still maintaining consumer protection in these areas of business.