

2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS - ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY POST (AN417-2003)

In August 2002, Environmental Health appointed a graduate as a Trainee Environmental Health Officer. The Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards is pleased to advise the Committee that the student has now completed the obligatory 48 week local authority training period and has successfully completed her professional interview, qualifying her as an Environmental Health Officer.

When the traineeship began, the intention was that, upon qualifying, the student would be appointed to any Environmental Health Officer vacancy which existed at that time. However, no such vacancy exists at present and the Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards and the Assistant Chief Executive (Management) suggest that a temporary post be established to accommodate the student. The appointment would be made permanent when a permanent post became vacant. It is intended that the officer would work within the Food Section of the department. This appointment would be in line with the department's aim of recruiting, training and appointing students to resource the Council's next generation of Environmental Health Officers.

The Committee is requested to approve the establishment of a temporary post of Environmental Health Officer, grade AP5 - PO6, £22,398 - £28,578, for a period of one year. If a permanent vacancy did not become available during that period, a further proposal would be submitted to Committee.

The cost of this proposal would be £27,300 in a full financial year. This would be met from external funding already included in the department's Revenue Budget.

The Committee's approval is requested.