

7 SCOTTISH MOTOR VEHICLE TESTING UNIT (AN493-2004)

The Committee is asked to agree the extension of the fixed term contract for the operator of the Scottish Motor Vehicle Testing Unit, managed by Dundee City Council Trading Standards Service.

The Unit has been operating throughout Scotland since February 2001, providing essential enforcement support to local authority trading standards services. The service is completely funded from contributions from the participating local authorities.

The Unit operator's contract started on 15th December, 2003 and ends on 31st December, 2004.

The Unit is fully funded until the end of the current financial year and commitments from local authorities indicate that there is a sufficient demand to continue operating the Unit until the end of December 2005. The operator has a flexible contract allowing the Unit to match resources to demand from customers.

The postholder's grade of Tech 3 (£16,866 - £19,029) and conditions of employment will remain unchanged.