

3 ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT - CONTINUATION OF THE SCAMBUSTER TEAM (2012/2013) (AN62-2012)

Reference is made to Committee Reports 287-2008 and 59-2009 which outline the arrangements for staff in the national Scambuster Team, currently located within the Trading Standards section of the Environment Department. These staff provide a cross boundary enforcement service that supplements mainstream local authority Trading Standards services, in particular to tackle national scams, frauds and other criminal activities. There is no cost to Dundee City Council for these staff, however the administration of the associated budget is being transferred from the Department of Business Innovation and Skills to COSLA from April 2012.

COSLA are also to carry out a review of how best to deliver services such as national rogue traders, scambusters and illegal money lending. The results of this review are expected to be reported towards the end of 2012.

Members are asked to note the continued operation in 2012/2013 of the Scambusters Team within the Environment Department at no cost to the Council. The outcome of the review will be reported once concluded.