

3 ENERGY ACTION SCOTLAND - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (AN79-2008)

Members are asked to authorise the Director of Housing to renew annual membership of Energy Action Scotland (EAS) at a cost of £165 plus VAT to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account.

Energy Action Scotland is the Scottish National Fuel Poverty charity. Priorities in the next year will include working with politicians at all levels of Government to ensure that grant schemes are effective in taking people out of fuel poverty. It will also work with the energy companies to make full use of funding available through CERT (Carbon Emissions Reduction Target) to address 'hard to treat' properties as well as inputting to discussions on the future of HECA (Home Energy Conservation Act [1995]). Other campaigning issues will include pushing for smarter meters and building the links between health and housing services.

Membership of EAS entitles the Council to receive weekly e-mail updates on debates on fuel poverty and energy efficiency from both Westminster and Holyrood as well as regular briefing papers, quarterly reviews, etc. It also provides opportunities for networking with other members working within the fields of fuel poverty and energy efficiency in Scotland. These all assist the Council in developing and implementing the Dundee Fuel Poverty Strategy as required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 and in improving the energy efficiency of the housing stock in line with the requirements of HECA.