

## **1 REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (AN84-2007)**

Dundee City Council's Revised Scheme For The Operation of Community Councils was approved in October 2002.

In November 2005, the Scottish Executive issued a discussion paper entitled "What can we do to help Community Councils fulfil their role'. The paper was part of a process of gathering information to identify specific obstacles and examples of good practice, thus enabling evidence-based decisions on how Community Councils can become more effective in carrying out their functions.

The recommendations emerging from the review have been considered by the Ministers and the Scottish Executive will provide further advice on which proposals they intend to take forward. The preliminary advice indicates that this will be the subject of a Working Party which is estimated to finish its work in March 2008. These proposals are likely to have implications for Dundee City Council's Scheme For The Operation of Community Councils.

In light of the above, Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (i) Await further advice from the Scottish Executive on which proposals will be taken forward and the mechanism for doing so.
- (ii) Schedule a review of Dundee City Council's Scheme For The Operation of Community Councils in relation to 1.
- (iii) Review the current Community Council boundaries to determine extent to which each Community Council area can be nested within the new multi-member electoral ward boundaries.
- (iv) Delay the Community Council elections scheduled for October 2007 until October 2008 by which date the review of the Scheme For The Operation of Community Councils should be complete.
- (v) Consult the Dundee Civic Forum on the intended plan of action and involve them in the review process.