

9 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIXED TERM POSTS (AN122-2003)

Reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 10 September, 2001 which approved proposals for the use of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.

Those proposals are currently being implemented and there is now a need to provide a flexible staffing resource to work with young people and their families, in the community, outside of normal working hours. The proposal, to be known as "Connections", builds on the success of the extended "Connect 5" project and encompasses the three BNSF schools and their communities.

The Committee is, therefore, asked to approve the establishment of six posts of Youth Support Worker, SCP16-23 (£13,976 - £16,673) for a fixed term to 31 March 2005.

As the hours worked by these post holders will necessarily be variable, it is not possible to quantify the exact cost of this proposal. However, it is anticipated that the costs will not exceed £150,000 in a full financial year and this will be fully funded from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.