5 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PROJECT - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIXED TERM POSTS (AN357-2006)

One of the priorities of the Scottish Executive is to improve the educational outcomes for Looked After Children.

To help achieve this, Local Authorities were invited to submit bids to the Scottish Executive outlining a proposal to improve education outcomes for looked after children and young people.

The funding bid submitted jointly between Dundee City Council's Education and Social Work departments to establish a Looked After Children Project was successful and confirmed by the Scottish Executive in May 2006, resulting in an allocation of £134,200 in 2006/2007 and £203,000 in 2007/2008.

The Committee is asked to approve the establishment of two posts of Project Worker, graded AP3, £18,840 - £20,673, and two posts of Part-time Clerical Officer (18.5 hours), graded GS1/2, £10,938 - £14,577, for a fixed term period until 31st March, 2008.

The cost of implementing this recommendation would be £21,040, inclusive of employer's costs, in the current financial year and £66,720 in a full financial year.