

2 DOVETAIL ENTERPRISES (AN130-2012)

Reference is made to Article 15 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 25th June, 2012 when approval was given for the development of a partnership arrangement between Dundee City Council and Dovetail Enterprises. Dovetail Enterprises provides an assisted employment workshop facility for 56 staff, 36 of whom are registered disabled. The development of the partnership will provide significant assistance to Dovetail Enterprises in responding to the difficult trading conditions currently being experienced within the construction industry.

The partnership between the Environment Department's Construction Service Division and Dovetail Enterprises will:-

- combine the Dundee City Council workshop facilities at Clepington Road with the Dovetail workshop at Dunsinane Avenue;
- increase turnover for Dovetail where appropriate through the allocation of works through the council's ongoing capital programme;
- seek joint working opportunities between Dovetail's manufacturing capabilities and Construction Services contracting activities; and
- share management and technical resources to deliver efficiencies to both organisations.

Plans are well advanced in the physical merging of the two workshops which is due to take place in October 2012. Staff and trade unions involved from both organisations have been fully consulted and appropriate training is to be provided for those involved prior to the merger of the two facilities. In addition meetings have taken place between senior management of both organisations and formal arrangements are being put in place to ensure the proper governance of the partnership.

Committee is asked to note progress being made in the implementation of the partnership.