

**6. VISIT TO DUBAI (AN141-2002)**

The Committee will recall that on 6th May, 2002 His Highness Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum visited the City of Dundee to formally open the Al-Maktoum Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Abertay Dundee, as Patron.

His Highness Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum is very committed to developing the relationship already built with the City of Dundee and has invited a delegation from the City, the University and the Institute, to visit Dubai, to further this.

Although arrangements have yet to be finalised it is envisaged that a visit could be arranged some time later this year and a request for the names of delegates has now been received.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the Lord Provost and the Director of Economic Development, participate in the visit and the requisite Committee approval is therefore sought.

Since arrangements have yet to be finalised it is not possible at this time to indicate the costs of participation in the visit. However, any expenditure will be contained within the existing approved revenue budgets.