

#### **4 THE INSTALLATION OF SMART TECHNOLOGY INTO A COUNCIL FLAT (AN25-2002)**

The Committee is advised of a partnership project that is currently being carried out by the Housing and Social Work Departments and Tayside Primary Care Trust to develop a Smart Technology assessment flat for clients who either have traumatic brain injuries or learning disabilities.

One of the key objectives of the Government's Community Care Policy is to provide a wide range of care and support services to people in their homes so that they can live in the community as long as possible. Smart Technology is perceived as an important component in achieving this objective. It can be used in conjunction with care and support services to assist independent living for a variety of client groups.

The flat in which the Smart Technology is to be installed is currently leased to the Tayside Primary Care Trust and is used by them as an assessment flat for people with traumatic brain injuries as part of a rehabilitation programme.

The installation of Smart Technology will provide a safe domestic environment for individuals. It will also provide the Council and Tayside Primary Care Trust with an assessment unit that will contribute to the future planning process for the accommodation and care needs of both client groups and, potentially, a range of other users.

All costs associated with the project will be funded by Tayside Primary Care trust.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of April 2002.