

## **6 UPDATE ON BENEFIT TAKE UP CAMPAIGN (AN257-2005)**

The City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) organised and delivered a benefit take-up campaign from 20 March to 25 March 2006. The event was delivered from 2 locations in the City, namely the Wellgate Centre and the Overgate Centre.

The purpose of this agenda note is to update members on the outcome of the benefit take-up campaign.

There were 69 enquiries during the week, many of these were of a multiple nature covering more than one benefit or allowance. At present 53 of the enquiries have been concluded providing additional annual benefit and allowances of £30,280. The remaining 15 enquiries are more complex and involve agencies other than the Council. When these are concluded it is estimated that the additional annual benefits and allowances will exceed £40,000.

The benefit take-up campaign was a success, with an estimated £40,000 of additional annual benefits and allowances being received by the citizens of Dundee. It is planned to run a similar event in 2007.