12 REDESIGNATION OF POST - SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (AN295-2003)

The post of Sports Development Officer was set up as a jointly funded post with SportScotland in 1999. In Report No 724-2000, the Education Committee at its meeting held on 20th November, 2000 approved the extension of this post to 2003 and joint funding has now ended. The Sports Development Officer is a seconded post and currently paid on the teachers scale at £27,603 per annum (£28,707 from 1st August, 2003). The postholder co-ordinates the work of the Sports Development Co-ordinators in Secondary Schools and the Active Primary Co-ordinators in Primary Schools. The post has been extremely successful and has become a key element in the delivery of the Education Department's Health Promoting Schools Strategy. The implementation of this strategy will be a major task in the Education Department Development Plan 2002-2005.

In view of the above, it is proposed to establish this post on a permanent basis, with the current postholder confirmed in post.

The cost of this proposal is £32,621 in a full financial year and will be met from the Education Revenue Budget.