

#### **4 HOUSING DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTARY PRIVATE LANDLORD ACCREDITATION SCHEME - EXTENSION OF FIXED TERM POST (AN302-2006)**

The National Core Standards and Good Practice Guidance for Private Landlords and for Local Accreditation Schemes was launched by Communities Scotland in June 2004, and Dundee City Council was selected as one of four local authorities to pilot the guidance through a voluntary landlord accreditation scheme.

Reference is made to Article XI of the minute of meeting of this Committee, of 9th May 2005, wherein the Committee approved the establishment of a fixed term post of Project Officer (Voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme), graded AP5, £24,333 - £26,502, for a fixed term period of 12 months from the date of appointment. The postholder commenced work on 4th October 2005.

An estimated £13,000 will remain of the original Scottish Executive Grant at the end of the fixed term contract. In order to make use of the remaining grant and to allow time to develop alternative proposals for the future administration of Dundee Landlord Accreditation, the Committee is requested to approve the extension of the fixed term post of Project Officer (Voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme), graded AP5, £24,333 - £26,502, until 31st January 2007.

The costs, including employer's costs, of extending this post until 31st January 2007 will amount to £10,201. These costs will be met from the balance of the original grant awarded by the Scottish Executive.