

## **7 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGE ACCOMMODATION (AN 34-2003)**

Reference is made to Article XI of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19th February, 2001, when the Committee was advised of an invitation from the Scottish Executive to bid for funding through the Domestic Abuse Refuge Accommodation Programme. Due to the short timescale for submission the Committee agreed in principle to a bid being submitted following consultation with the Convener and Housing Spokespersons of Opposition Groups.

A bid for £422,960 to develop 7, 2 apt. Self-contained flats with office, laundry and play facilities jointly with Abertay Housing Association and Dundee Women's Aid was subsequently submitted. The facility, which will be developed and owned by Abertay Housing Association and leased by them to Dundee Women's Aid, will provide refuge and advice for women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

The Committee is asked to note that, following several delays, approval has now been given to proceed with the project in 2003-2004.

The development will require the sale to Abertay Housing Association of a piece of land currently owned by Dundee City Council.

The Committee is asked to agree to negotiations on the sale commencing with the receipt being reinvested in the project. A detailed report will be brought before the Committee.