9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - WORKING FOR FAMILIES FUND -ESTABLISHMENT OF POST (AN36-2006)

Reference is made to Article I of the minute of meeting of the Personnel Committee of 21st June 2004, which approved the temporary establishment of a Working for Families Co-ordinator grade AP5, £23,739 - £25,857, until 31st March 2006, and to the subsequent deletion of that post at the meeting of the Personnel Committee of 18th October 2004, due to a decision being taken that the strategic elements of the post should be delivered by a Senior Policy Officer within the Economic Development Department.

It is now proposed to establish one post of Temporary Working for Families Project Development Officer, graded PO1-4, £26,379 - £28,632 until 31st March 2008 to ensure the delivery of projects aimed at supporting parents' pathways to employment, and to enable the Senior Policy Officer, who has been undertaking the tasks at present along with existing duties, to return to normal activities.

The costs, including employer's costs, of this temporary post amount to £33,536 and £35,268 for the financial years 2006/07 and 2007/08 respectively. These costs will be met from the grant received from the Scottish Executive for the Working for Families Initiative.