9 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - EXTENSION TO TEMPORARY POST (AN362-2005)

The Committee is asked to approve the extension of one temporary post of Education Welfare Officer grade AP2, £16,515 - £17,877, until 30th June, 2006.

This post was originally approved on a temporary basis in August 2004 by the Chief Executive, following recommendations by Her Majesty's Inspectorate, regarding the behaviour of an identified group of pupils. The postholder has become a 'key worker' to targeted pupils and has formed links with pupils, parents and the local community towards integrating the behavioural gains in school within the broader areas of personal and social responsibility.

The School Management Team report a positive influence in terms of discipline within the target group. The School has improved as a consequence and this has been endorsed by follow up inspection visits.

The cost of implementing the proposal will be £9,600 in the current financial year and £4,800 in financial year 2006/07, both figures being inclusive of employer's costs. This would be met from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.

The Sub-Committee may resolve in terms of Section 50(C)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the undernoted items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.