

2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2002 (AN383-2006)

During 2006/07 only, the Scottish Executive has awarded a grant to Dundee City Council of £35,000 to treat hazardous Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The Grant only covers costs incurred from 13th August 2006 until the transposition of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive into domestic law. It offsets disposal (or treatment) costs of separately-collected waste electrical and electronic equipment from private households deemed hazardous in terms of the Special Waste Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004. This includes items such as Cathode Ray Tubes (eg televisions), Visual Display Units (eg computer screens) and fluorescent light tubes.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE), is timetabled to be set before Parliament in December 2006, with Regulations coming into force on 1st January 2007. Collections of waste equipment are likely to start at Recycling Centres or Civic Amenity Sites from 1st July 2007, although partial producer responsibility will be in force from 1st April 2007. Councils should not be liable for costs associated with this legislation for collection from sites or the treatment of this equipment from that date.

Four companies in Tayside have made it known that they are licensed, capable and willing to accept these wastes. They are:-

- Shore Recycling of Perth, the current service supplier for Refrigerator and Freezers.
- Computer Recycling Services, Dundee, a current service supplier to the Council's IT and Waste Management Departments;
- Jeso Ltd, a Leeds company with a base in Dundee;
- Environlite Ltd, Perth, the current service supplier for fluorescent tube recycling.

Due to the variation in the nature and treatment requirements of the materials, not all suppliers are able to offer a service for all materials. Approval is therefore sought to arrange waste collection and treatment schemes as appropriate with all four of the above companies until 1st April 2007.