

10 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF POST (AN 4-2002)

At its meeting on 19th June, 2000, the Personnel and Management Services Committee considered Report No 374-2000 and agreed to the establishment of a post of Scientific Officer (Contaminated Land) for a period of two years. The post was created to assist the Council in fulfilling its statutory obligation under the Contaminated Land Regime.

The Council published its Contaminated Land Strategy in September 2001 and it is considered crucial that the post of Scientific Officer be retained to ensure the successful implementation of the strategy which is expected to take up to five years to complete the initial inspection process. The post is currently funded by Central Government and the Director of Finance has confirmed that funding will be in place up to 2003/4. It is expected that funding will continue to allow local authorities to identify and address the problem of contaminated land within their areas on a continuous basis.

The Committee is asked to agree to the post of Scientific Officer (Contaminated Land) being established on the departmental structure, at a grade of PO1-4 (£23,930 - £25,976).