9(a) HOUSING DEPARTMENT - HOMELESS SERVICES UNIT - ESTABLISHMENT OF POSTS (AN44-2007)

Due to increased demand for temporary accommodation from homeless persons arising from the legislative provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (as amended), and the Homelessness etc (Scotland) Act 2003, Dundee City Council requires to increase its supply of supervised temporary accommodation by setting up a new unit. In order to ensure that residents receive the support which they require and that the local community is not inconvenienced by the operation of this unit, there will be two staff on duty at all times.

The Committee is therefore requested to approve the establishment of the following posts to staff the unit on a 24 hour shift rota basis:-

- 9 posts of Assistant Housing Officer, graded GS3 (£14,829 £15,411) plus shift allowance and enhancements for weekend working;
- 4 posts of part-time (18½ hours) Assistant Housing Officer, graded GS3 (£14,829 £15,411) plus shift allowance and enhancements for weekend working.

The costs, including employers' costs, of establishing these posts will amount of £282,469 for a full year. These costs will be met from the overall Homelessness budget within the Housing Department's Revenue Budget.