

7 ESTABLISHMENT OF ARDLER VILLAGE TRUST AS A RECOGNISED NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE (AN448-2003)

The Committee is asked to approve Ardler Village Trust (AVT) as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure, with the same level of recognition applied to Community Councils.

The application submitted on behalf of AVT, satisfies the following criteria approved by the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee on 11th November, 2002 (Article II refers):-

- AVT is constituted and has named office bearers.
- The geographic areas covered by AVT are defined by road boundaries beginning at Macalpine Road from Staffa Place to Birkdale Place, south along Dalmahoy Drive to Rosemount Road leading to Staffa Place and back to the junction with Macalpine Road.
- Membership of AVT is open to all persons of 16 years of age or over whose principal place of residence is within Ardler, other than employees of the Company who may not be members.
- AVT has a directorate made up as follows: six local community directors, one from Ardler Information Point, one from St Leonards and St Fergus Church, one from Chalmers-Ardler Church, one from Ardler Complex Management Group, three Dundee City Council directors, one DCC Councillor, two representatives from Sanctuary Scotland and one business director. AVT will have its next AGM by 27 May 2004, at which audited accounts will be presented for the period ending 31 March 2004.
- AVT have strategies in place for seeking the views of the local community and involving constituents in the work of the Trust.
- AVT's Constitution commits the organisation to practising equal opportunities and operating in a way which is consistent with accepted standards of public behaviour.
- AVT will comply with the requirements of the Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance on "Following the Public Pound".

In satisfying the formal criteria for recognition as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure, AVT will qualify for access to grant aid, support, information and consultation from all Council departments, along similar lines to that afforded to properly constituted and recognised Community Councils.