

7 SCOTTISH HOUSING BEST VALUE NETWORK - MEMBERSHIP (AN460-2003)

This briefing note wishes to draw attention of the Housing Committee to the Housing Department's intention to join the Scottish Housing Best Value Network (SHBVN).

The benefits of joining the SHBVN are several:-

- access to nine sub-groups developing and sharing Best Practice and Best Value in Scottish Housing;
- optional participation in Estate Management Peer Review Groups;
- quarterly and annual benchmarking activity;
- discounted training; and
- help in preparing for the Single Regulatory framework for Social Housing and the Local Housing Strategy.

The cost for joining the SHBVN for the remainder of this financial year will be £2,000 (50% reduction). It is anticipated that the cost of membership next year will be approximately £5,000. These costs can be accommodated within current HRA estimates.