

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 OCTOBER 2003

ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICIAN POST

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER PROTECTION

ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to make permanent a temporary post of Trading Standards Technician within the Environmental & Consumer Protection Department.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve the permanent establishment of post number ECP05J07, Trading Standards Technician, which is presently temporary.

2. BACKGROUND

In June 2002, the Department created a part-time Trading Standards Technician post using delegated authority from the Personnel Services Manager, utilising external funding; and this was for an initial three-year period.

In March 2003, again using delegated authority, the post was made full-time due to an increase in the amount of external funding available.

3. PROPOSAL

It is now proposed to make this post (ECP05J07) full-time permanent on the establishment of the Department.

The post holder is making a substantial contribution to the Trading Standards section of the department and we would like to increase the employee's usefulness by offering more advanced training opportunities, which would lead to studying for the Diploma in Consumer Affairs.

We are wary of investing in advanced training if the post remains on a temporary basis.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of this post, with on costs, is £16,822 in a full year. By reconfiguration of the Departmental budget, this cost can now be accommodated within our current revenue budget.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and the Personnel Services Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.