

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**13 JANUARY 2000**

**SUBJECT: GUIDANCE NOTE: SEPTIC TANKS AND SOAKAWAYS TO HOUSES AND  
THE BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**Abstract: Appended is a draft of a Guidance Note for customers on septic tanks and soakaways for houses prepared by the Department's Building Control Section.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended to the Committee that the text appended hereto be approved as the basis of a customer Guidance Note on Septic Tanks and Soakaways to Houses and the Building Regulations, the Note to be made freely available to the general public, agents and builders.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 Committee members will be aware that the Department over many years has issued a large number of Advice Notes to assist applicants and agents on a wide range of planning topics. Some may recall that in February a Guidance Note on Loft Conversions and the Building Regulations was approved and a commitment given to produce a series of such notes for our Building Control customers.

2.2 This Note is the second of this new series and as with the Loft Conversions Guidance Note is sufficiently technical to assist agents and building contractors, a major element of Building Control's customer base. It is not too technical however, to be of no use to the lay person but should sufficiently convey the complexities of the subject matter.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The costs of printing the Guidance Note can be accommodated in the Departmental Printing Budget.

**4 CONSULTATION**

4.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**NOTE**

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 the above Report.

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