12. CONTRACT CAR HIRE SCHEME - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INSURANCE RECHARGE (AN197-2006)

The Council currently makes a contribution of £20 per month towards the insurance costs of each contract car, with the balance being paid by the employee. It is proposed that this contribution is withdrawn for all new leases taking effect after 31 August 2006. The Council will continue to arrange the insurance cover for the leased car fleet and the rates payable by employees for insurance will remain competitive for the extent of cover and widespread use granted. Most employees undertake more private miles than business miles and are covered for use by family members (including novice drivers).

The Committee's approval is requested.