

1 BUSINESS GATEWAY (AN157-2006)

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of this Committee on 9th May 2005 wherein members agreed that the Business Gateway would be put out to tender from April 2007 and that a report on this would be brought forward for the consideration of the Committee. That process continues but the much publicised budget review at Scottish Enterprise has overshadowed that proposal in recent months and no definitive statement on how this will be done is now expected before June.

Scottish Enterprise Tayside has now committed the full amount of their contributions to the core costs of the Gateway up to 30th June 2006. As a result the Committee is asked to agree that its contribution to 30th June 2006 be paid. This amounts to £28,750 made up of rent for the premises at King Street and cash towards core costs. This sum is contained within the revenue budget for Economic Development for 2006/07. Once the implications of both the Scottish Enterprise budget review and the proposed tendering exercise are known these will be reported to the Committee.