8 VOLUNTEER INFORMATION POINT (VIP) (AN215-2003)

The Committee is asked to note the intention for the Volunteer Information Point to register as a Company Limited by Guarantee and change its name to Volunteer Centre Dundee.

The Volunteer Information Point currently operates on a three year Service Level Agreement with Dundee City Council through the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department and receives £10,000 grant aid per annum.

The Scottish Executive has recommended that all volunteer centres throughout Scotland be incorporated and run as companies limited by guarantee as soon as reasonably practicable. This is based on the view that the liability of members of volunteer centres should be limited in accordance with the principles of UK Company Law, as at present their personal assets are at risk.

Subject to the new company accepting the SLA and governance conditions, it is recommended that Dundee City Council continue its agreement with this organisation which is otherwise unaffected by these changes.