6 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF POSTS - BUSINESS SUPPORT WORKERS (AN228-2005)

Out of school care is an area of growth in the childcare sector, actively supported in Dundee by the Early Years and Childcare Team within the Education Department. Within Dundee, the Local Childcare Partnership is currently funding an independent Business Adviser to train and assist club supervisors to set up a business model. This is having a positive impact on the clubs involved in the pilot programme. Following a successful bid to the New Opportunities Quality Childcare Fund, funding has been secured by the Education Department which will allow this advisory role to be expanded to all clubs within the city.

Therefore, it is proposed to establish 2 posts of Business Support Worker, grade AP3, £18,381 - £20,169 pro rata for 20 hours per week on a 3 year fixed term basis.

The financial implications arising from this proposal, inclusive of employer's costs, are £16,029 in the current financial year and £24,840 in a full financial year, which will be met from the monies received from the New Opportunities Quality Childcare Fund.

The Committee's approval is sought.