

8 LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF POST (AN71-2007)

The Tayside Biodiversity Partnership was formed in 1998. This enabled the three Councils of Dundee City, Angus and Perth and Kinross to undertake their biodiversity duties through the production and implementation of the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan. A Biodiversity Officer has been employed by the Partnership to undertake this work. The officer was originally employed by Angus Council for a period of 3 years; the post was then transferred to Perth and Kinross Council's establishment for a further 3 years. The partnership has now submitted a request to Dundee City Council to employ the officer for a period of 3 years. Clerical support will also be required to ensure the efficient operation of the service.

The Committee is, therefore, requested to approve the establishment of the following posts, within the Environment Development Section of the Leisure and Communities Department, for a fixed term period of 3 years:

- (i) One post of Biodiversity Officer, grade AP4 (£21,327-£23,610)
- (ii) One part time (18.5 hours) post of Clerical Assistant, graded GS1/2 (£10,938-£14,577)

If approved, the officer currently occupying this post in Perth and Kinross Council will transfer to Dundee City Council in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

The cost of employing these staff for a full financial year is £35,830 inclusive of employer's costs. The total cost of the partnership, including Travel, Supplies and Services, etc, is met by the funding partners. Scottish Natural Heritage provide 35%, with the balance being met equally by Angus, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils. Dundee City Council's share is £8,775 per annum and can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's Revenue Budget.