

7 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT – EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY POST (AN78-2006)

Approval was granted by the Chief Executive to establish a temporary post of Partnership Manager, graded PO1-4, £26,379 - £28,632, until March 2006, to develop partnership arrangements to train and recruit local people from targeted groups into the social care sector through Dundee Training and Employment Social Care Academy.

This partnership involves training at Dundee College and assessed work placements with employers in the partnership. Those who successfully complete the 40-week programme and complete part of the SVQ2 in social care are recruited to jobs.

The partnership project was independently evaluated after the first group of trainees completed the programme. A number of continuous improvements have been implemented. A second group of 25 trainees is due to complete the programme in June 2006. Discussions are continuing with partners about joint funding bids and expansion of the academy with a view to bringing forward proposals in a report in May 2006 for consideration by the Council.

Approval is, therefore, sought to extend this temporary Partnership Manager post until 30th June 2006.

The cost of this proposal will be £34,358 in a full financial year and £8,590 in 2006/07, including employer's costs. This will be met from the Social Work Department Revenue Budget and part funding through Working for Families monies.