

#### **4 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY UNIT - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (AN78-2007)**

The Manager of the Council's Employment Disability Unit (EDU) has received a formal request from the Catalan Association for Supported Employment [Associació Catalan de Treball Amb Support (ACTAS)] to deliver a one day presentation and workshop on planning and job finding strategies on 30th March, 2007.

The Catalan Association for Supported Employment is an umbrella organisation representing supported employment agencies throughout Catalunya. Although the organisation was originally formed in 1995, it is only recently that it has become more proactive and is hoping to join the European Union of Supported Employment as a national association. The Manager of the EDU is currently Vice-President of the European Union of Supported Employment. The event is to improve the organisational structure and methodology of supported employment in Catalunya.

The Committee is requested to note this invitation and approve the EDU Manager's participation, which is relative to Report No 423-2003 (European Union of Supported Employment) approved by the Personnel and Management Services Committee on 16th June, 2003. Travel and accommodation costs will be met fully by the Catalan Association for Supported Employment.