

**9 SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS - NIGHT TIME NOISE TEAM - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIXED TERM POSTS (AN82-2006)**

Reference is made to the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 which introduced a range of measures intended to allow Local Authorities and the Police to be better equipped to deal with antisocial behaviour. The new Antisocial Noise Offence is a further tool to complement, not replace, existing legislation in dealing with unreasonable noise within domestic dwellings, their grounds or common areas.

Funding has been received from the Scottish Executive to establish an Anti-social Noise Nuisance Service. The vast majority of antisocial noise complaints occur in the evening through to the early part of the morning and it is proposed that this Service will operate a shift system working in pairs, covering evenings and the hours up to 3.00 am. Officers will have the powers to issue warning notices and fixed penalty notices and also to seize the equipment making the noise.

The Committee is therefore asked to approve the establishment of the following posts on a fixed term basis until 31st March 2008.

Post Title	Grade	Salary
Team Leader	Tech 5	£23,739-£25,857
Senior Enforcement Officer (2)	Tech 4	£20,808-£23,034
Enforcement Officer (6)	Tech 3	£18,381-£20,169
Senior Clerical Assistant - part time (2)	GS3	£14,466-£15,063 (pro rata)

The cost of implementing the above proposals will be £376,510 in a full financial year, inclusive of weekend allowances, shift enhancements and employer's costs, will be met in full by funding from the Scottish Executive.