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HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

24 August, 2010

**REQUEST FOR DELAGATED POWERS AND THE USE OF WORK NOTICES
– H&E/10/093**

1. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which requested that a number of delegated powers be granted to officers.

The report provided background information on Maintenance Orders, Maintenance Accounts, Work Notices, and Rent Penalty Notices, and detailed how the proposed powers would be exercised.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee:-

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) delegates power to the Director of Housing and Environment to authorise the Private Sector Housing Officer (Scheme of Assistance), the Private Sector Housing Manager, and other officers as appropriate, to sign Work Notices and Maintenance Orders under the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, and for this delegation to be added to the Scheme of Delegation documents;
- (c) to approve the utilisation of £50,000 for the implementation of Work Notices from the monies in the 2010/11 Private Sector Housing Grant budget originally allocated for Serious Disrepair Notice enforcement works;

- (d) to approve that the £50,000 allocation in the 2010/11 Private Sector Housing Grant budget for serving and enforcement of Maintenance Orders, can also be utilised for Maintenance Accounts; and
- (e) to delegate power to the Director of Housing and Environment to authorise the Senior Private Sector Housing Officer (Rented Sector), the Private Sector Housing Manager, and other officers as appropriate, to sign Rent Penalty Notices under the provisions of the Anti Social Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004, and for this delegation to be added to the Scheme of Delegation documents.

At this juncture, was noted that the Private Sector Housing Grant budget had been approved at the meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 28 January, 2010 (article 16 of the minute if meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee refers), and therefore that resolutions (c) and (d) would have to be referred to that Committee for ratification.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve recommendations (c) and (d) subject to the approval of the Finance and Resources Committee; and
- (ii) to approve recommendations (a), (b) and (e) as contained within the report.