

### 5 Financial Implications

The establishment by the Local Authority of a Child Protection Unit would involve: the establishment of new professional and administrative support posts; the purchase of furniture and equipment; and direct responsibility for running costs, which are presently shared with the NSPCG.

Against these new costs are set: the salary of the Principal Officer (Child Protection) who will be assimilated into the staff establishment, and the grant to the NSPCG, which is estimated at £90,000 for 1991/92.

Capital costs for building works to accommodate the Unit in one of the Department's existing buildings - Foxholes Resource Centre - will also be required since the lease under which the NSPCG occupies the Jacob Bright Children's Centre does not expire until October 1991, and the Authority's Unit will have to be established in time to facilitate a handover of the responsibility for the Child Protection Register on 1 May 1991.

The estimated revenue costs are as follows (an outline of the functions of staff is attached at Appendix 1):

#### Staffing:

	£
Child Protection Manager (Scale P08)	24,594
2 Principal Officers (Child Protection) (Scale P05)	45,750
Administration Team Leader (Scale 6)	14,277
Team Clerk (Scale 2/3)	10,016
3 Case Conference Secretaries (Scale 4)	32,911
	<hr/>
	127,548
Less Salary of Principal Officer (Child Protection)	<u>21,736</u>
	<u>105,812</u>
Running costs	<u>15,000</u>
	120,812
Less grant to NSPCG 1991/92	90,000
TOTAL REQUIRED	<u>30,812</u>

As negotiations were in progress concerning the lease for the use of the Jacob Bright's buildings professional fees in respect of an estimate for building works at Foxholes have not been incurred.

Committee is requested to approve the obtaining of an estimate, and the identification of resources from the Department's Capital and Minor Works Programme in order that this work can commence during the current financial year.

9811