

Minutes

Planning Committee

10.00am Wednesday 26 March 2014

Present:

Councillor Perry (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Blacklock, Brock, Child, Dixon, Heslop, McVey, Milligan, Mowat, Robson, Rose and Ross.

1. High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 – Implementation of Provisions

The provisions of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 would come into effect on 1 April 2014. The Act aimed to provide an effective means of resolving disputes over the effects of high hedges which interfered with the reasonable enjoyment of domestic property.

Provision was also made within the legislation for the payment of a fee to cover local authorities' costs and for those authorities to recover the costs of any direct action to achieve compliance with a notice.

Decision

- 1) To note that the control of high hedges would be located within the Planning and Building Standards service area.
- 2) To agree that appropriate changes to committee remits and the scheme of delegation would be reported to the Council for approval at the earliest opportunity.
- 3) To note that appropriate documentation and guidance for the general public would be made available on the Council's website prior to 1 April 2014.
- 4) To agree that the scale of fees for a submission under this legislation would be as set out in paragraphs 2.18 to 2.24 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 5) To refer the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)