

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1465
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013

Scottish Government—

- The Committee would like to draw your attention to the petitioner's email of 27 August 2013 regarding the response he received from his local council in relation to the threat of prosecution if it entered private land; and the discussion that took place at the Committee meeting on 17 September 2013. What information do you record or gather from local authorities on issues that are encountered in issuing or enforcing Amenity Notices?
- What are the reasons for less than 1% of planning enforcement notices resulting in prosecution?
- What action will be taken to provide clarification and guidance to local authorities on the issuing and enforcement of Amenity Notices?

TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2013

Scottish Government—

- Will the Scottish Government consider amending the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to give local authorities enforcement and/or prosecution powers in relation to Amenity Notices issued under Section 179 of the Act?

COSLA—

- What is COSLA's view on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussions on the petition at the meetings on 19 February and 30 April 2013?
- What powers do local authorities have to ensure that private owners of land do not fall into a condition of disrepair? To what extent can Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be used?
- How many waste land notices have been served in Scotland, broken down by local authority, over the last five years, and what was the outcome of each?

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013

Scottish Government—

- What is the Scottish Government's view on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 19 February 2013?

- How many appeals have been made to the Scottish Ministers against the imposition of a waste land notice in Scotland, broken down by local authority, over the last five years, and what was the outcome of each?

COSLA—

- What is COSLA's view on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 19 February 2013?
- What powers do local authorities have to ensure that private owners of land do not fall into a condition of disrepair? To what extent can Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be used?
- How many waste land notices have been served in Scotland, broken down by local authority, over the last five years, and what was the outcome of each?

Falkirk Council—

- What is Falkirk Council's view on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussion on the petition at the meeting on 19 February 2013?
- What powers do local authorities have to ensure that private owners of land do not fall into a condition of disrepair? To what extent can Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be used?
- Where a planning application includes land designated as open space for use by the local community, and planning is approved on that basis, in what circumstances and under what procedures could land then subsequently be sold to a third party?