Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Inquiry into Land Register of Scotland: progress of local authorities in registering their land

Written submission from East Renfrewshire Council

The second paragraph of your letter notes that there is a requirement for all public land to be registered by 2019. The understanding of East Renfrewshire Council, as advised by the Council's Legal Services team, is that there is not a Legal requirement for all public land to be registered by 2019 but that this is a voluntary request.

On that basis East Renfrewshire Council have concluded that for the Council to comply with this request would be too expensive due to the large work content involved and as such would not be a prudent use of the Council's scarce legal resources.

On this basis our response to your three questions would be:

1. The Council is aware of a request to register its property on the land register of Scotland by 2019 but understands that this request is not a legal requirement.

2. As such the Council is not taking steps to register its property.

3. On that basis the Council will not complete registration by 2019.

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