

## **INFORMATION REPORT – JUNE 2025**

### **FEES FOR LOCAL REVIEWS**

#### **REPORT BY JILL F PATERSON, SERVICE LEADER – PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

#### **1. ABSTRACT**

- 1.1 This report updates Members on recent legislative changes which requires fees to be paid for local reviews to the Development Management Review Committee.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) set outs the requirements for local reviews of decisions by the Planning Authority, which are undertaken by the Council's Development Management Review Committee.
- 2.2 The Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 sets out the procedure and requirements to undertake local reviews.

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 Currently, when an applicant requires a local review by the Council's Development Management Review Committee, no fee is payable for that review. All costs for undertaking the review are therefore met by the Council.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1 The Scottish Government in April 2025 laid new Legislation in Parliament which requires fees to now be paid for local reviews under the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025. The fees are expected to cover the cost of processing the review by the Council. Appendix 1 to this report contains the full Regulations and Table 1 within those Regulations sets out the fees that are payable.
- 4.2 Using the level of fees, contained within Table 1 of the Regulations noted above, would have resulted in £715 to £2,288 of fee income being received to cover the cost of processing the number of reviews per year from 2020 to 2024.
- 4.3 These Regulations came into force on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and local reviews received from that date will require to pay the appropriate fee. The Council's website has been updated accordingly to notify applicants of these changes.

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Appendix 1: The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025