

## **Item 9 - Question Time**

### Response to Mr M Reiss

The Council has determined 286 planning applications for wind energy developments over the last three years. In addition, the Council has dealt with 20 Section 36 applications for wind energy developments (which are determined by Scottish Government).

The total amount of fees received by the Council for these applications was £295,013.

Legal costs have been incurred in respect of appeals and/or Public Local Inquiries for a total of 23 wind farm cases within the last three years. The total amount spent on appeals, public local inquiries and court cases relating to renewable energy schemes is in the order of £288,000. Further breakdown can be provided if required.

It is not possible to provide a total annual cost for determining individual applications. It has been estimated that the average cost of determining major wind farm applications (including Section 36 applications) is around £24,000 per case.