Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

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

Written submission from Fife Council

The Chief Executive has asked me to respond to your letter of 14 July regarding the above

Fife Council is aware of the Scottish Ministers' aspiration to see all local authority land registered by 2019. While a small number of the Council's titles have been registered voluntarily when in its interest to do so, no programme of voluntary registration is being undertaken due to lack of resources. The attached report approved by the Council's Management Team in November 2014 sets out the Council's position at that time.

Given the further financial challenges faced by the Council since 2014, the position remains unchanged and it is considered that meaningful progress towards the Scottish Ministers' target could only be made by means of Keeper-induced registration.

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