

Item 9 - Question Time

To the Chair of the Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee

“Please provide a list of all ‘developer contributions’ agreed in Planning which have not been redeemed by the Highland Council over the past 3 years with the reasons for this?”

Response to Ms K Currie

The Council has received a total of £2,949,152.27 over the last three financial years.

Over the last three years, a total of 2,121,546.00 has been spent on delivering projects throughout the Highland area.

The Council currently holds developer contributions of a value of £3,779,522.37 which have not been spent to date. These contributions are held in 67 separate project obligation “pots” which are regularly monitored through a Developer Contributions Action Group to ensure that the legal requirements for the spend are being met. There are a number of reasons why these contributions have not yet been spent, including that:

- the Council is awaiting contributions from multiple developments to accumulate sufficient funding to deliver the infrastructure required;
- the Council is awaiting the outcome of design or feasibility studies;
- the Council is awaiting feedback from community groups on suitable projects; and
- the Council is awaiting opportunities for attracting match funding;

A spreadsheet providing further details is available from the Development & Infrastructure Service.