

FOI Ref: 2015/054

10th December 2015

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, received by email on 11th November 2015. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the Park Authority are provided below.

"What fees have been paid by the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority to the firm of solicitors Harper and Macleod under their general overall fee agreement."

The Park Authority has engaged the services of the solicitor's firm Harper MacLeod since March 2011 to provide legal advice.

To date, £265,518 (including VAT) has been paid in legal fees by the Park Authority. The Park Authority is entitled to re-claim income from third parties for S75 agreements, which are specific planning cases. This means that part of the above figure will have been re-paid to the Park Authority from Planning applicants, however the exact figure for reclaimed fees is not available.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are • requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.

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• address your review request to the Director of Corporate Services:

Jaki Carnegie Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority National Park Headquarters Carrochan Carrochan Road Balloch G83 8EG E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS Tel: 01334 464610 Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

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