

APPEALS AND LOCAL REVIEW BODY DECISIONS

Report by Head of Communities and Economy

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs the Committee of notices of reviews determined by the Local Review Body (LRB) at its meeting in January 2015; and an appeal decision received from Scottish Ministers.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's LRB considers reviews requested by applicants for planning permission, who wish to challenge the decision of planning officers acting under delegated powers to refuse the application or to impose conditions on a grant of planning permission.
- 2.2 The decision of the LRB on any review is final, and can only be challenged through the Courts on procedural grounds.
- 2.3 Decisions of the LRB are reported for information to this Committee.
- 2.4 In addition, this report includes a decision on an appeal which has been considered by Scottish Ministers.

3 PREVIOUS REVIEWS DETERMINED BY THE LRB

3.1 At its meeting on 20 January 2014 the LRB made the following decision:

	Planning Application Reference	Site Address	Proposed Development	LRB Decision
1	14/00787/DPP	4 Greenlaw Grove, Milton Bridge, Penicuik	Erection of two extensions and formation of	Review upheld
			decking and patio.	Permission granted

4 APPEAL DECISIONS

4.1 An appeal against a refusal to issue a high hedge notice (14/00332/HH) concerning a hedge at 15 Cairnbank Road, Penicuik has been dismissed. The applicant's address is 20 St James's View, Penicuik. The application was refused on the grounds that there is no adverse effect from the high hedge. A copy of the appeal decision accompanies this report.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Committee is recommended to note the decision made by the Local Review Body at its meeting on 20 January 2015 and the 15 Cairnbank Road, Penicuik appeal decision.

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Background Papers: a) LRB procedures agreed on the 26 November 2013; and b) High Hedges procedures agreed by the Committee at its meeting of 22 April 2014.