

Assessment Summary Table

Authority	2012 applications as a % of previous 5 years applications	Relative Bid strength	Bid Amount £	Award Amount £
Aberdeenshire	34	3	75,000	75,000
Angus	23	1	75,000	75,000
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	47	3	62,100	63,000
Dumfries and Galloway	19	2	60,000	60,000
East Ayrshire	58	3	55,000	55,000
Fife	33	1	20,000	20,000
Highland	46	2	15,000	15,000
Highland and Argyll and Bute	38	2	50,000	50,000
Joint Ayrshire	44	2	15,500	16,000
Moray	22	3	51,960	52,000
North Ayrshire	34	1	800	1000
North Lanarkshire	72	2	5,000	5,000
Orkney	85	3	50,000	50,000
Scottish Borders	28	2	75,000/65,791.44	66,000
South Ayrshire	39	3	30,000	30,000
South Lanarkshire	44	2	70,000	70,000
West Lothian	27	3	21,229.20	22,000
Total			722,380.64	725,000

Aberdeenshire	
Bid Amount	75,000
Bid Summary	Consultancy advice on landscape, cumulative and noise matters for application determination.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes. Is about retaining and enhancing an existing team dedicated to wind turbine applications.
Authority in greatest need?	255 pending applications 2007-2011 = 835 Applications 2012 = 290 2012 applications = 34% of previous 5 years applications. Authority in need by volume and proportion.
Notes	Proposal tackles the problem and is anticipated to address the backlog. Relative assessment: 3
Bid form	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414038.pdf
Wind Turbine Map	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414039.pdf
Costing	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414040.pdf

Angus

Bid Amount	75,000
Bid Summary	1no. Landscape advisor and 1no. acoustic advisor 1 year appointments to prepare guidance and training.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Staff training will assist but pre-application stage processes won't assist current applications.
Authority in greatest need?	Backlog – 29 2007-2011 = 167 applications 2012 = 39 applications 2012 applications = 23% of previous 5 years applications. Authority not in greatest need by volume or proportion
Notes	Training and guidance will satisfy a longer term need, but not a short term one. Relative assessment: 1
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414116.pdf

Comhairlie Nan Eilean Siar

Bid Amount	62,100
Bid Summary	<p>Additional staff focused on discharging conditions/legal agreements, freeing up existing staff for determining applications 1 no full time and 1 no part time for 12 months.</p> <p>Protocol for dealing with radar and planning policy update required.</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes. Backlog anticipated to clear by end of financial year as a result of bid
Authority in greatest need?	<p>Backlog is mainly around planning conditions discharge/management</p> <p>12 applications undetermined</p> <p>2007-2011 = 97 applications</p> <p>2012 Total = 46</p> <p>2012 applications = 47% of previous 5 years applications. Application volumes are not as large as elsewhere but note proportionate pressure.</p>
Notes	<p>Proposal addresses immediate and longer term impacts.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 3</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414124.pdf

Dumfries and Galloway

Bid Amount	60,000
Bid Summary	1no case officer, 0.8no landscape architect, dedicated to development management. GIS development. Staff and elected member training. Will allow existing staff time to be freed up to deal with wind turbine applications and s36/37 consultations.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Aimed at increasing capacity to determine applications. Training to provide support for decision making.
Authority in greatest need?	49 applications outstanding. 2007-2011 = 461 Total 2012 = 88 2012 applications = 19% of previous 5 years applications Authority not in greatest need by volume or proportion.
Notes	The bid is strong in parts, having immediate and longer term effects. Relative Assessment: 2
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414124.pdf

East Ayrshire	
Bid Amount	55,000
Bid Summary	<p>Consultancy to assess planning applications for wind turbines.</p> <p>Consultancy landscape architect to assist assessment of planning applications.</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>62 pending applications</p> <p>2007-2011 = 124</p> <p>Total 2012 = 72</p> <p>2012 applications = 58% of previous 5 years applications</p> <p>Authority may not have historically high volumes of applications but this has clearly changed suggesting that the authority is in need by volume and proportion.</p>
Notes	<p>The proposal addresses the immediate problem well. Although the problem solving capacity of the landscape aspect of the bid could be more rounded.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 3</p>
Bid 1	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414229.pdf
Bid 2	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414230.pdf
Applications 2007 - 2012	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414231.pdf
Applications not determined as at October 18, 2012	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414232.pdf

Fife	
Bid Amount	20,000
Bid Summary	Officer and elected member training Independent assessment of cumulative effects in Fife.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Training will help and assessment work will have longer term benefits.
Authority in greatest need?	41 undetermined applications 2007 – 2011 = 139 applications 2012 total = 46 2012 applications = 33% of previous 5 years applications Application volumes are not as great as those elsewhere but the 2012 level indicates need.
Notes	The bid does not strongly link the solution to the problem. Relative Assessment: 1
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414228.pdf

Highland	
Bid Amount	10,000 – 15,000
Bid Summary	<p>Consultancy project management of officer led wind energy applications.</p> <p>Consultancy undertaking of some administrative/routine tasks of a planning application (chasing consultees, progress reporting to applicants and the like)</p> <p>Consultancy initiation and management of processing agreements, creating a repeatable approach for the council.</p> <p>Capacity building of officers to deal effectively with applications.</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes, although the assistance is about process.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>96 planning and s36 cases</p> <p>2007-2011 = 377 applications</p> <p>2012 total = 175</p> <p>2012 applications = 46% of previous 5 years applications</p> <p>Authority in need by volume and proportion.</p>
Notes	<p>The procedures will be absorbed into routine practice post-funding.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 2</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414225.pdf
Application	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414226.pdf

Moray

Bid Amount	51,960
Bid Summary	Officer and Elected Member training on landscape, visual and cumulative impacts. Consultancy advice for major and Section 36 applications. Noise assessment training for Environmental Health officers.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	<p>Consultancy advice to assist decision making, training to assist decision making and provision of advice.</p> <p>Backlog expected to be overcome by March 2014.</p> <p>Training can provide longer term benefit and consultancy could provide both immediate relief plus trickle down of knowledge exchange.</p>
Authority in greatest need?	<p>8 pending applications</p> <p>2007-2011 = 119 Applications</p> <p>2012 = 26</p> <p>2012 applications = 22% of previous 5 years applications.</p> <p>Relatively the authority is not in greatest need by volume or proportion but the application numbers have been steadily increasing.</p>
Notes	<p>Despite not being in the greatest need the proposal directly tackles the problem and has a sense of immediacy.</p> <p>Relative assessment: 3</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00415597.pdf

North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire

Bid Amount	15,500
Bid Summary	<p>Consultancy landscape advice for direct contribution to applications.</p> <p>Training for officers and members on landscape assessment.</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes. Although the bid is clear that landscape is a concern to the public and has an economic imperative attached to it, a skills shortage on landscape matters has not been identified as a problem.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>68 pending applications.</p> <p>2007-2011 = 282 applications</p> <p>2012 Total = 126 applications</p> <p>2012 applications = 44% of previous 5 years applications</p> <p>Authorities in need by volume and proportion.</p>
Notes	<p>The problem identified does not rest on landscape matters but the proposal would fill the immediate gap until landscape guidance is produced.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 2</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414222.pdf

North Ayrshire	
Bid Amount	800
Bid Summary	North Ayrshire's contribution to landscape capacity study already commissioned by Joint Ayrshire Councils and SNH.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Study will have longer term impacts on decision making.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>No outstanding applications</p> <p>2007 – 2011 = 79 applications</p> <p>2012 total applications = 27</p> <p>2012 applications = 34% of previous 5 years applications</p> <p>Low application volumes but proportionate pressure noted. Not suggestive of the authority being in the greatest need.</p>
Notes	<p>The ranking decision here is weighted on the applications situation, which whilst increasingly pressured, does not suggest a strong need for additional assistance in comparison with other authorities.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 1</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414219.pdf

North Lanarkshire	
Bid Amount	5000
Bid Summary	North Lanarkshire's contribution to landscape capacity study for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley. Capacity and siting/design guidance as outcomes.
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Longer term impacts. Better landscape guidance will reduce delays caused by lack of guidance currently.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>26 applications</p> <p>2007-2011 = 44 applications</p> <p>2012 Total = 32 applications</p> <p>2012 = 72% of pervious 5 years applications.</p> <p>Application volumes are relatively low but note the significant increasing proportionate pressure.</p>
Notes	<p>Proposal should help improve decision making efficiency and the pressure on the authority has clearly significantly increased.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 2</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414218.pdf

Orkney Islands	
Bid Amount	50,000
Bid Summary	1 no additional staff in development management team. Consultancy landscape and noise capacity study
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes. Additional staff assists immediate problem. Study would have more long term benefits. Backlog may reduce by half by end March 2013
Authority in greatest need?	79 live applications 2007-2011 = 354 applications 2012 total = 301 applications 2012 = 85% of pervious 5 years applications. Authority in need by volume and proportion.
Notes	The proposal is well related to the problem and has some immediate elements. Relative Assessment: 3
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414217.pdf

Scottish Borders

Bid Amount	75,000 (as the 141,000 figure was only requested if other councils did not submit eligible bids)
Bid Summary	<p>1 no additional staff dedicated to wind turbines</p> <p>1 no landscape officer to assist with wind turbine applications</p> <p>1 no environmental health officer to assist turnaround time for wind turbine consultations</p> <p>Consultancy research on issues commonly raised as contention leading to processing delays. Annex 2 suggests research to be centred on understanding the economic, environmental and community considerations around wind turbines</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	<p>Yes. Additional dedicated staff.</p> <p>Faster response times to pre-application enquiries could reduce the number of applications being validated which are significantly unsuitable or lacking in relevant information but does not assist current applications.</p> <p>80% clearance of backlog by end March 2013</p>
Authority in greatest need?	<p>51 undetermined applications</p> <p>2007-2011 = 247 applications</p> <p>2012 total = 70 applications</p> <p>2012 = 28% of pervious 5 years applications.</p> <p>The volumes of applications are average but have almost doubled year on year recently. Not suggestive that the council is in the greatest need.</p>
Notes	<p>Additional staff (£65,791.44, six months) is a sound approach. The study would have longer term impacts but concern that the study may not promote the aims of SPP.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 2</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414216.pdf

South Ayrshire	
Bid Amount	30,000
Bid Summary	<p>2 no graduate planning officers, temporary basis to progress wind turbine applications.</p> <p>Develop information gateway, listing information required to determine a wind turbine application.</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	<p>Yes. Identified wind farm applications that could be concluded by freeing up resources.</p> <p>Receipt of information upfront should help avoid delays.</p> <p>Backlog should be cleared.</p>
Authority in greatest need?	<p>Backlog = 23</p> <p>2007-2011 = 74</p> <p>2012 Total = 29</p> <p>2012 applications = 39% of previous 5 years applications.</p> <p>Relatively the authority does not appear to be in greatest need of assistance but note the significant uplift in applications compared to 2010.</p>
Notes	<p>Proposal strongly linked to the problem and assists the Council overcome final hurdle to a more efficient service following reform.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 3</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414214.pdf

South Lanarkshire

Bid Amount	70,000
Bid Summary	<p>Update policy – local plan and SG - £25,000</p> <p>GIS technician – Short term increase in hours to collect and process data for mapping, removing the burden from planning officers - £15,000</p> <p>Consultancy – Landscape, visual, siting, design, EIA, cumulative impact assessment advice for individual applications.</p> <p>Consultancy – training for Environmental Services officers to enable more officers to be able to assess noise impact assessments.</p> <p>Consultancy - £30,000</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes, specialist advice for individual applications. Other interventions will be longer term. Note some of the proposal is about process.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>98 applications undetermined (plus 3 Section 36 applications).</p> <p>2007-2011 = 189</p> <p>2012 Total = 84</p> <p>2012 applications = 44% of previous 5 years applications.</p> <p>Application volume is average but note the proportionate pressure.</p>
Notes	<p>Although there is a good connection between the problem and the solution, most of the funds would probably not be focused on the immediate problem but on the longer term elements.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 2</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414213.pdf

West Lothian

Bid Amount	21,229.20
Bid Summary	<p>1 no. part time EHO for one year, input into applications and pre-application advice.</p> <p>Update interim noise assessment guidance</p>
Assist wind turbine planning application determinations?	Yes, Direct input into noise assessments of wind turbines.
Authority in greatest need?	<p>9 applications currently in consideration. 7 applications beyond expected decision time.</p> <p>2007-2011 = 48</p> <p>2012 Total = 13</p> <p>2012 applications = 27% of previous 5 years applications.</p> <p>Does not suggest the authority is in the greatest need through proportion or volume.</p>
Notes	<p>Despite not being in the greatest need the proposal clearly tackles the identified problem to assist improving decision making time.</p> <p>Relative Assessment: 3</p>
Bid	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00414212.pdf