

Grazings Committees

In common with other Community Groups all regulated Grazing Committees are eligible to apply to SRDP Rural Priorities. The Committee must ensure that all the requirements laid down in their regulations are complied with prior to submitting a final proposal. The Committee could submit a Statement of Intent without undertaking the full consultation process to obtain an indication if the proposal had potential within Rural Priorities.

Some guidance regarding these requirements is included on the SRDP web site and can be located at: <http://digbig.com/5baccr>

This is an extract from the web site, listing the requirements:

- The written consent of a majority of the crofters ordinarily resident within the township and sharing in the common grazing.
- Evidence that notice of the intention to submit a Proposal and the proposed division of the aid amongst the eligible crofters has been issued by the Grazings clerk to **all shareholders** sharing in the common Grazings.
- Confirmation from the Grazings Committee that the Crofters Commission has not called in the Proposal.
- A copy of any decision by the Crofters Commission where a proposal has been called in.

In addition, there are three forms which may be relevant to the Grazing Committee. These are: the Landlord Notification Form, The Land Declaration Form and the Landlord Consent Form. These can be accessed at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/HowItWorks>

The Landlord Notification Form has to be completed by the Grazing Committee.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/197434/0083549.pdf>

The Crofters Commission's Role

The Commission will only be involved with an application when substantiated objections are raised by a shareholder or shareholders.

If a proposal requires a change in the status or use of the Grazings the Commission will carry out normal regulatory requirements.

The Commission can provide a model consultation process based on the Crofter Forestry system to help in establishing written support for proposals. This model will also indicate the likelihood of shareholder objections which would need to be referred to the Crofters Commission.

Rural Priorities Case Officers and RPAC Role

The Case Officers and RPACS are not obliged to check the above requirements have been carried out. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure all the written evidence to support the application is available for inspection by authorised persons.