

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment Committee – 11 January 2017

Summary Report from Community Planning Community Safety and
Environment Group on 9 December 2016

Report by Director (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report informs committee of the recent Reports presented to the Community Safety and Environment Group.

BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**1. GIANT HOGWEED – AN INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES (INNS)**

There was submitted an update by Gavin Clark, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), (G/16/272) relevant to Giant Hogweed and related matters.

In summary, the report identified that the control of already established INNS such as giant hogweed is very challenging. The current focus of agencies, and the use of what available funding there is to prevent or contain new outbreaks or spread of other species.

In some places where Giant Hogweed is not already widespread then local programmes of control may be successful but is likely to be a long-term demand on resources and does rely on the willingness and co-operation of the landowners concerned.

It was resolved that the contents of Report G/16/272 be noted and that a Briefing Note on the control of the spread of an invasive non-native species (INNS) – Giant Hogweed be prepared for the Community Planning Partnership.

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