

Request for Information

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Questions

The following requests were received: can you please provide Scottish Borders Housing Association fencing and/or boundary policies.

Which Scottish Borders Housing Association employee is responsible for choosing Grant Zero Net as a supplier/installer and contractually binding the housing association to this company?

The information requested is provided below:

SBHA do not have a specific fence or boundary policy, but they are referred to within the Tenancy Agreement and our Standard for Managing Neighbourhoods.

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Tenancy agreement (no copy provided, tenant should have own signed copy):

"5.4 We will carry out a reasonably diligent inspection of the common parts before the tenancy begins. We will take reasonable steps to remove any danger we find before you move into your house. We will repair any other defect we find which will significantly affect your use of the common parts, or the house, within a reasonable period.

We will repair any damage to boundary walls and fences within a reasonable period if the damage significantly affects your use of the common parts of your house or if it poses a danger to any user. During the course of the tenancy, we will carry out inspections, at reasonable intervals, of the common parts."

Standard for Managing Neighbourhoods (Copy attached):

Area	SBHA Standard
Walls, gates, paths, railings & fencing	- We will seek to ensure any existing communal boundary gates, fences, walls, paths or railings are in good condition. - We will make any dangerous structures safe within SBHA's emergency timescales of 4 hours from receiving the report. - We aim to repair broken items within 20 working days from receiving a report. - We will consider the installation of a fence due to exceptional circumstances e.g. for a child with special needs to create a safe play area.

	<u>Request: Which Scottish Borders Housing Association employee is responsible for choosing Grant Zero Net as a supplier/installer and contractually binding the housing association to this company?</u> SBHA engaged with a range of companies who had access to Energy Companies Obligation funding which they could use to install energy efficiency improvements. Three companies submitted proposals which were evaluated by our Senior Asset Planning Manager and a recommendation was made to, and accepted by, SBHA's Executive Team that we partner with Clyde Net Zero to access funding and improve our homes and help reduce our tenant's energy bills.
	Please note that this response constitutes full release under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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