

Action from ED&I on 7 February 2023	
Agenda Item:	12
Responsible Officer:	Chris Muir
Information Sought:	Response:
Chris Muir (Senior Officer Economic Strategy and Development) to provide Councillor Van Der Horn with further information regarding the costal erosion around MOD boundaries.	<p>“The fence to the north of Kinloss Barracks was last moved as a result of the coastal erosion around 15/20 years ago. It has also been moved at least once prior to that. The fence is owned by the MOD so they have carried out and paid for all previous works and would be expected that they would do so again in future.</p> <p>Around 7 years ago the Open Space Access & Policy Officer, Ian Douglas, met with MOD officials and they agreed the fence would likely need to be moved again at some point in the future and would budget for this in their property plan accordingly. However, no further discussions have taken place since then.</p> <p>At present the sand dunes are disappearing an average of 1-2 metres per year depending on the number and severity of storms each winter. At the current rate of erosion, it would likely be no more than 3-5 years before the current route of the Moray Coastal Trail disappears completely. Unless the fence is moved prior to this occurring.”</p>

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