

The response from Scottish Borders Council is as follows:

### **Scottish Civil Justice Council Consultation on Reporting Restrictions**

We have no significant comment to make on this consultation except that the extension of these reporting restrictions is welcomed due to the following avoiding any "prejudice to the administration of justice in those proceedings":

Section 46(1) of the 1937 Act provides that a court may direct that reporting of proceedings shall not reveal the name, school, address, picture, or any other details that could lead to the identification of persons involved in the proceedings under the age of 17.5. The most common effect of such an order is to prohibit the media from the reporting the proceedings in full (i.e. the names of the parties). The media will not ordinarily be a party to the proceedings in which the order was made.