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When was the specialist Listed Building team disbanded by the Council?

Please provide a copy of any reports, memoranda or correspondence relating to the disbandment of this team.

It is understood that this happened in 2014, as part of a wider restructuring. The officers within this team were re-deployed into differently titled teams within the Planning Service, as opposed to being made redundant. Their skills were, and still are, utilised within the Planning Service and in determining applications. We have checked with HR and with Finance and hold no documents from this date relating to the restructuring.

What was the projected cost saving in disbanding the listed building team?

The disbanding of the Listed Buildings team in itself did not result in any cost savings.

Has any follow-up report or other study been compiled into the outcomes of disbanding the listed building team?

If so please send me a copy of any reports, studies or correspondence in this matter.

We do not hold this information.

What is the estimated cost saving resulting from disbanding this team?

The disbanding of the Listed Buildings team in itself did not result in any cost savings.

Please provide a full cost breakdown of the administration of the planning service in the City of Edinburgh Council for each of the last five years.

Please see the attached document.

Please advise the average cost (in time and hours) to the Council of the following:

Determining a householder planning application?

Determining a householder listed building consent application?

Defending an appeal against refusal of listed building consent?

We do not hold a breakdown estimate of staff time per householder or listed building application or defending appeals.

How many listed building consent applications did the Council determine for each of the last five years?

2021	907
2020	719
2019	807
2018	867
2017	825
Total	4125

Of these applications how many were appealed (of those that were refused) for each of the last five years?

2021	14
2020	21
2019	16
2018	41
2017	32
Total	124

How many planning officers are engaged in front-line determination of listed building applications currently?

There are currently 10 planning officers for whom listed building consent applications are a significant part of their workload (defined as having 3 or more listed building consent cases live at the time of the sample).

Of these officers, how many have received specialist conservation education or training?

Please describe the education or training received?

Three officers have specialist architectural conservation educational qualifications and are engaged in the frontline determination of applications.

At manager level and within the wider department, three officers possess applicable architectural conservation qualifications.

Development management-wide specialist training on listed buildings and conservation areas is periodically undertaken across the service.

Of these officers, how many are ARB registered architects?

As far as we are aware, none of these officers are on the Architects Registration Board.

How many listed buildings are there in the Edinburgh?

Total – 4813 listed items

Category A – 895 items

Category B – 2608 items

Category C – 1310 items

(An item may include more than one building and it is estimated that there are over 30,000 listed buildings in Edinburgh).