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Please could you supply the following information:

It is my understanding that The City of Edinburgh Council is a registered company SO305292, address City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, EH1 1YJ. Can you confirm that this information is correct?

And/or provide me with the correct company registered no. and address?

No, this information is not correct.

### **Clarification on The City of Edinburgh Council's status**

The Council is not a limited company and therefore does not have a registered company number. The [Local Government etc. \(Scotland\) Act 1994](#) established the current 32 local authorities in Scotland, of which the City of Edinburgh is one.

### **Information on company number SO305292**

Company number SO305292 is Shrubhill NHT LLP. The City of Edinburgh Council is a Designated Member of the LLP along with Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) Investment Limited. More information on the NHT model is provided below. You may also find it useful to note that the Companies House website has a free search facility where you can find a range of information for any company or LLP by name or number. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company>

### **Information on the National Housing Trust (NHT) initiative.**

In 2010, the Scottish Government (SG) and the SFT launched the NHT initiative to deliver homes for mid-market rent in areas of high demand, while at the same time stimulating house building activity following the market crash of 2008. The Council agreed to participate in the initiative in August 2010 and has provided on-lending to support the delivery of over 800 affordable homes across the city. Under the NHT model, the Council procures a developer to build the homes and enters into an LLP with the developer and SFT. The LLP purchases the completed homes, using a loan from the Council which is guaranteed by the SG and must be repaid within ten years. The homes are let as mid-market rent for a minimum of five years, with the developer given the option to exit the vehicle between years five and ten. The Council is a member of several NHT LLPS, including Shrubhill.

I would like to know whether The City of Edinburgh Council pension funds are invested in any of the following companies or subsidiaries thereof:

- BAE Systems (Company Number 01470151)
- Lockheed Martin (Company Number 00585852)
- AWE/Aldermaston (Company Number 02763902)
- General Dynamics (Company Number 01911653)
- Northrop Grumman (Company Number 05989428)
- Raytheon (Company Number 00406809)

The requested information is published on the Lothian Pension Fund's website, where it publishes a list of all its holdings at:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lpf.org.uk%2Fdownloads%2Ffile%2F79%2Ffund-investments&data=04%7C01%7CBru92P33%40lpf.org.uk%7C56231fd810fc4b8f746e08d9f5fa367d%7C7195ece48db540f69da3a7d28e999326%7C1%7C0%7C637811277261049678%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1hYWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=a95ztyxR7Va3Ry1RCovF%2Bg8p531Eqil%2FfDh1rZlo%3D&reserved=0>

I would like to know if The City of Edinburgh Council has invested in the installation of 5G technology?

I have seen many masts around the city, so I assume the answer is yes.

Therefore, has The City of Edinburgh Council done a full and detailed risk assessment, inclusive of impact on public health, of such technology, and sought public liability insurance?

If so, please provide full details.

No, the City of Edinburgh Council has not invested in 5G installation; masts are all installed, managed and funded by the relevant Telecommunications companies.

I would like to know the amount of money invested by The City of Edinburgh Council into the following:

- a. Covid 19 posters, flyers, billboards and signage/advertising of any form
- b. Covid 19 TV, radio and social media/online advertising
- c. Covid 19 Enforcement Officers, wages and equipment
- d. Covid 19 test centres staffing and equipment.

During the period of 1 April 2021 to 31 January 2022, the Council spent £127,659 on all forms of publicising community testing facilities within the city.

The City of Edinburgh Council received financial support from the Scottish Government which was used to form a Coronavirus Compliance Team. Funding was £103,000 for the financial year 2020/21, and £146,000 for the financial year 2021/22. This funding fully covered the costs of this Coronavirus Compliance team including wages, training and equipment.

Other Regulatory Enforcement teams have also contributed to the Council's response to the Coronavirus pandemic, however these costs are not separated within general budgets. Therefore, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of Covid-19 related costs for staff wages and equipment for other service areas of the Council.

During the period of 1 April 2021 to 31 January 2022, the Council spent £962,065 on staffing test centres. This amount does not include the cost of security and cleaning staff.

During the period of 1 April 2021 to 31 January 2022, the Council spent £150,643 on operational equipment for testing centres. Please note that the Council does not pay for lateral flow test devices and other products, such as PPE, hand gel, cleaning products, etc. which are provided free of charge to the council via the NHS / the UK Department of Health & Social Care.