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The Lauriston Castle Disposition and Deed of Trust states:

“To make such alterations on the structure of the castle and other buildings as they might consider expedient in order to make it more convenient for the housing and exhibition of the collection without destroying or impairing the general character of the castle”

The housing and exhibition of the collection and without destroying or impairing the general character of the castle being key in the decision process.

The published minutes of CEC meetings fail to explain why the terms and conditions set out in the Trust Deed have been ignored.

In respect of the change of use of the Gatehouse and lease to the Forget Me Not organisation please let me know why the a) Legal Trustees of Lauriston Castle Trust and b) CEC Charity Trustees specific decided to change the use the Gatehouse and not use for Lauriston Castle Trust purposes, for example housing Trust employees as it was previous used.

The Council is the sole trustee of the trust.

Information beyond that set out in relevant Council reports is not held. The use of the Gatehouse was reported to the [Culture & Sport Committee](#) in 2017, and approval was sought to enter into an agreement with Edinburgh Forget Me Not Garden to create a sensory garden and drop in centre. A report to the [Culture & Communities Committee in January 2018](#) recommended agreeing a 25 year lease and referred the report to the Finance and Resources Committee. This committee approved the lease on [27 March 2018](#).