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Request for the following information about the Slavery & Colonialism Legacy Review:

How many members it has?

There are currently nine members of the independent ESCLR Review Group including the Chair

The names of those members,

The names of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review Group members are not currently in the public domain and shall not be provided on this occasion.

Due to concerns about both online and offline abuse raised by the Review Group, the Chair has agreed not to release the names or biographical details of the any members until appropriate safeguarding supports are approved and operational, and the Review Group consents to their details being publicised.

The Council has a duty of care to its staff, and by extension, also to any private individuals who takes part voluntarily in work it has commissioned. Members of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review Group have raised concerns about their personal safety, and the safety of family members, should their identities be publicised in connection with this work, which is subject to high levels of media interest currently. As a result, the Council is working to establish safeguarding procedures to give them confidence that their wellbeing is of paramount concern and practical support is available if required.

Please send me any internal correspondence or emails relating to any decision not to publicly name the membership.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested because it is not held by the Council.

There are no internal e-mails or correspondence held as this decision was not made by the City of Edinburgh Council. The Review Group is an independent body chaired by Sir Geoff Palmer.

How they were chosen,

Information about selection and criteria for the independent Review Group membership is available on the website: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/museums-galleries/review-needed/4?documentId=13192&categoryId=20063>

Who took the decision that, apart from the Chair, they should be anonymous,

The Chair, in discussion with the group, decided not to publicise the names of the group while safeguarding concerns remain.

Whether their identities have been disclosed to anyone who provided evidence in any form and

We do not hold this information. There is no record held of any discussions using these terms or making decisions about identity disclosure as a result.

If any identities were disclosed to witnesses, but some were not, what the basis of that decision was.

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