

57687 Supreme Court judgement on For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers

Did Councillor Meagher not respond to the 24 June email by Deborah Smart? May I see the response?

We are unable to provide the information requested because it is not held by the Council.

Between the 5 June and the beginning of August the Council's position on this matter changed:

Request: This raises the question: did the EHRC respond with a timeline (can the public see the response?)? Was a timeline imposed on the Council? If not, what prompted the Council to change its position?

This question was answered at the Council's Education, Children and Families Committee meeting of 2 September 2025 (it can be viewed on our website at:

https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1012162/start_time/8829000

The answer commencing at 2 hours 39 minutes and 53 seconds.

Please disclose the dates on which the councillors (and most importantly the Leader of the Council and the Education Convenor) in my original request became aware of the following:

- a. The decision of the Council to depart from its June 2025 position (which was not only supportive of trans people's right to live in accordance with their gender, but was also waiting for a timeline to be provided by the EHRC) and to instead seek legal advice around the Supporting Transgender Pupils in Schools guidance and related matters.

Elected members sitting on the Council's Education, Children and Families Committee were provided with a copy of the report for Item 8.2 of the meeting of 2 September 2025 on 18 August 2025. That report outlined that legal advice had been taken and that necessary steps had been taken to comply with the law.

We do not hold information regarding the date the Council Leader became aware of that report.

- b. The decision of the Council to contact head teachers with new recommendations around this guidance.

This information was contained in the report for Item 8.2 of the meeting of 2 September 2025 and therefore members of the Education, Children and Families Committee were made aware of this on 18 August 2025.

We do not hold information regarding the date the Council Leader became aware of that report.

- c. If you could also disclose the text informing councillors of these decisions, I would appreciate that.

The text of that report is available on the Council's website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=7756>