

57760 Room For Faith Ltd.

I'm getting in touch regarding the firm Room for Faith Ltd, which, as part of a business, is granted leases for properties which can then be hired out to religious groups.

Could you please answer the questions below which I ask under the Freedom of Information Act.

Does your local authority have any properties listed under Room for Faith Ltd and if so, how many? If it has previously, please provide when this period was.

We are currently holding Room For Faith Ltd. liable for two Non-Domestic Rate entries in Edinburgh.

I have provided details of the addresses and dates below:

29/09/2023 - present - Westcott House, 4(GF2-1F2) Ferrymuir, South Queensferry, West Lothian, EH30 9QZ

14/08/2023 - present - Westcott House, 4(1F1(A)) Ferrymuir, South Queensferry, West Lothian, EH30 9QZ

If yes, are these properties considered to have exemption under the religious worship exemption of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Neither of these properties are currently in receipt of a statutory exemption on the grounds of religious use.

Does Room for Faith Ltd owe any business rates (have a debit account balance) in the local authority and if so, for how many properties and for how much?

Has the local authority ever pursued Room for Faith Ltd in respect of unpaid non-domestic rates and costs?

If so, please provide when this was and for how much?

If the answer to question three is yes, was the case heard at magistrate's court and what was the final result of each case.

If the cost limit has not yet been exceeded, could you please provide any judgements in relation to cases referenced in question six.

The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to recovering all appropriate Non-Domestic Rates charges utilising all enforcement powers provided under relevant legislation. It is our practice not to publicly report outstanding Business Rates for individual businesses or to comment on specific recovery circumstances.

However, any published court judgements would be available via the Scottish Courts website at:

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/>