

58787 Lauriston Castle Trust Assets - Request for Accounting

A detailed (individual item by item) inventory of all assets belonging to Lauriston Castle Trust as of 15 August 2025, including immovable property, collections, investments, and cash reserves, stating the value attached to each item.

The Council considers that it has previously provided the original Lauriston Castle Trust inventory circa 1926-1928 in request number '34106', available on our [Disclosure Log](#).

Accounting information and details concerning the net assets of LCT are publicly available in the Council's [Annual Charitable Trust Audited Accounts](#). Annually, the Council makes publicly available the audited annual accounts for the Council's Charitable Trusts from financial year 2018/19 to 2023/24. The most recent accounts were considered at the [Finance and Resources Committee](#) on 18/11/2025, and they provide the respective valuation bases for asset categories for the year ending 31/03/2025.

For information related to Council financial accounts prior to the period above, records are accessible and available for members of the public to view in the City Archives. This information can be found within bound volumes that are not searchable as a database. There may be relevant information relating to this request, but there is no catalogue held for the volumes. There are 65 volumes in total and details are as below:

- Edinburgh Corporation Abstract of Accounts 1930 to 1974/75- 46 volumes
- Edinburgh District Council Abstract of Accounts 1974 to 1981- 6 volumes
- Edinburgh City Council Abstract of Accounts 1996-1997 to 2000-2001- 4 volumes
- Edinburgh City Council Audited Financial Statements from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001- 4 volumes
- City of Edinburgh Council Unaudited Accounts 2000/01 to 2010/11- 5 volumes

The current location of each asset, whether retained at Lauriston Castle, held in storage, on loan, or otherwise situated.

All Lauriston Castle collection items are retained on site. There are no assets in store or on loan at present.

Details of any disposals, transfers, or sales of assets since 15 August 2025, including the identity of the recipient or purchaser.

There have been no disposals, transfers or sales of the Lauriston Castle collections.

Confirmation that no assets of the Trust are held in the private property of councillors, CEC staff, or associated persons.

No collection items are held by any Councillors, Council officers or associated persons.

Confirmation that any items identified in 4 will immediately be returned to the Lauriston Castle Estate.

As above.

The rationale for not seeking external funding to retain and increase these assets.

The Council considers that the criteria in respect of Lauriston Castle Trust collections is very specific, which means there is limited opportunity to add relevant material. Details regarding the collecting criteria for the Trust can be publicly viewed in the [Edinburgh Museums and Galleries: Policy Renewals 2023-2026 Report](#) at the Culture and Communities Committee on 11/05/2023.