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I respectfully request detailed information and supporting documentation in relation to the following:

Edinburgh Croquet Club

- Lease agreements

The relevant lease is registered and available through Registers of Scotland (<https://www.ros.gov.uk/>).

- Annual income and expenditure records (each year 1950 – present)

Information relating to the rent paid by the Croquet Club is available in the lease, which is registered and available as per response above. In 2023, the Croquet Club took assumption of grass cutting and line-marking responsibilities.

- legal/professional advice/communications

This information will not be released. The Council should be able to consider and be advised on sensitive issues relating to legal matters without relevant advice being made public.

Café Operations (currently operated by MIMIs)

- All leases and tender processes

Please see the redacted information attached. Certain sections of the document have been redacted on the grounds that information is commercially sensitive to release.

- Annual income and expenditure records (each year from first use as a café – present)

Information in relation to income and expenditure by Mimi's is not held by the Council.

However, some relevant sums which show the Trust's share of income within the concession arrangement in place with Mimi's since they have operated the café are:

2020/21	£34,095
2021/22	£38,393
2022/23	£28,000
2023/24	£28,723
2024/25	£28,345

The Council also billed income of £2291.66 from the period January 2018 to May 2018 when the café concession was operated by Betsy's.

- legal/professional advice/communications

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Forest Kindergarten

- Lease & terms and conditions

Please see the redacted information attached. This permit to occupy allows Forest Kindergarten to use the Lauriston Castle grounds on an annual basis.

The Council considers that the disclosure of the basis on which commercial arrangements are with Forest Kindergarten would make public figures and methodology that would be of interest to parties seeking to contract with the Trust in future, with the result that the Trust's position would be made known, and the bids/tenders made by future operators would be less likely to offer best value to the Trust.

- Insurance arrangements

Forest Kindergarten is a Council service and, therefore, has relevant insurance in place as part of the Council's insurance programme.

- Annual income and expenditure records (from inception – present)

Any income related to Forest Kindergarten is captured within the financial analysis provided under FOI response 59686 which is in the public domain on the [Disclosure log](#).

Any additional costs are met directly by Forest Kindergarten.

- legal/professional advice/communications

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Forget Me Not and Alzheimer Scotland

- Lease agreements

The Council can confirm that approval for the lease granted for Gate Lodge at Lauriston Castle was approved at the Finance and Resources Committee on 27th March 2018. An extract of the lease was provided in the FOI response 48482 which is in the public domain on the [Disclosure log](#).

This lease is also registered and publicly available to view at the Registers of Scotland.

- Rationale for destroying the Historic Grade A building, changing its use and not seeking external or internal funding (over £200,000 had been spent of the front electronic gate and rising) had not been actioned

- Rationale for its placement within the estate grounds
- Annual income and expenditure records (each year from inception – present)

It is assumed that you refer to the building used by Forget Me Not / Alzheimer's. Please note that this building is still standing and has not been destroyed. Therefore, the information requested is not held by the Council.

- costs incurred by CEC/Trust each year

Annual accounts for certain years are available at <[Audited annual accounts for Council Charitable Trusts – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)>. More financial analysis has been provided in FOI response 59686.

- legal/professional advice/communications

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Japanese Garden

- Communications relating to its location and approval
- Tender documents for construction
- Actual construction costs
- Rationale for its placement within the estate grounds

The Council considers that information relating to this request is available to view in the report 'Edinburgh- Kyoto Friendship Garden: Completion Report', this was considered by the now decommissioned Executive Committee on 20 May 2003. This is accessible via the Council website.

- Annual maintenance costs (each year from inception – present)

The Council considers that the information it retains regarding maintenance only reflects the activities for the current year. The Council did provide in FOI response 36744 that in 2022/23 estimated cost of the Japanese Garden grounds maintenance was £6432.

- legal/professional advice/communications

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