

59320 Lauriston Castle Trust - Handling of Accountability and Funding Arrangements

Evidence of external funding opportunities explored or pursued.

The Council can provide details of some unsuccessful funding applications made:

- Application to the Regeneration Capital Fund (Round 11) in June 2023. This funding was sought to assist with restoration of the Glasshouse at Lauriston Castle. The application forms for this application have been provided alongside this request.
- Application to the Wolfson Foundation in 2023. This was submitted by Alzheimer's Scotland in support of construction works intended for the Gate House.

The Council also confirms that the agreements held with parties that operate in the Lauriston Castle estate generally ensure that they will be responsible for the upkeep and running of the environment they are operating in. As such this may lead to them sourcing their own funding which is independent from the Council.

Small amounts of funding from the Friends of Lauriston Castle have helped provide audio visual equipment for lectures and a stretch canopy for events in the grounds. The group has also provided funding towards various materials for events spanning over the last two years, including this year.

Financial records showing sources of income and proportions of public versus external funding.

The Council provides financial backing to the Trust to enable it to utilise assets and meet liabilities.

Annually, the Council makes publicly available the audited annual accounts for the Council's Charitable Trusts from financial year 2018/19 to 2023/24. These accounts provide some of the relevant requested information.

For information related to Council financial accounts prior to this, 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 follows:

- 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

Governance documents and risk assessments relating to funding strategy.

Please see '30053', '30059' and '32440' on our Disclosure Log. The Council considers '30053' to provide copies of the will and deed of trust, '30059' provide documents related to the Endowment Fund and '32440' provide details of the delegation of trust administration.

The Council does not hold any risk assessments relating to funding strategy.

Future sustainability plans for the estate.

The Council considers that some of the future decisions relating to investment in the Castle Gardens are informed by the feedback received from the consultation and reflected in the management plan produced for 2018-2023, this provided a guide towards potential areas of investment.

The management plan is available on our [Disclosure Log](#) under '58727'.

Evidence of consultation and stakeholder input into fundraising decisions.

The Council can confirm that no recorded consultations or communications have occurred beyond what has been disclosed above. No verbal conversations, where they occurred, were recorded.