

62954 Payment for Loss of Office

All correspondence between the Edinburgh tram board and City of Edinburgh Council with regards the payment for loss of office made to the former chief executive of Edinburgh trams.

The dates of the relevant correspondence.

It is the Council's position that release would, or would be likely to, inhibit substantially the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation. The Council must be able to discuss matters and formalise policies outwith the public glare. There is a risk that correspondents would hold back from a degree of open discussion if they thought that their correspondence would be made public. Accordingly, the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation would be likely to be inhibited substantially.

While it is acknowledged that there is a public interest in the financial dealings of the Council and its Arm's Length External Organisations, the Council's position is that the effective conduct of public affairs is better served by the Council's ability to conduct such discussions frankly and in private.