

Item no 5.1

QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Leader of the Council at a meeting of
the Council on 24 November 2016**

Freedom of Information

Question

At the Council meeting on 27th October 2016, in response to Question No 3 asking for the numbers of appeals to the Scottish Information Commissioner against City of Edinburgh Council Freedom of Information responses, the Leader of the Council provided a table showing annual figures from 2011 to 2016 which added up to 100 occasions.

In a response to a secondary question about how many of those appeals had been successful or partially successful, a table was provided by the leader showing 72 such occasions in the same period.

In a follow up question the leader was asked if he agreed that losing 72% of appeals suggests a defensive culture when more openness could save public time and resources?

The leader claimed that the figure quoted in the follow up question was not contained in the answer. He then went on to claim that the Council loses only 0.53% of appeals (when the true figure supplied by the answer is 72%). Does the Council Leader accept his repeated error, and that the true figure is 72%?

Answer