

QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Whyte for answer by
the Convener of the Regulatory
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 31 August 2023**

The cost of a Short Term Let License is intended to recover the costs to the Council of the work involved.

The cost of a license for a four person/two bed property in East Lothian for a three-year period is £390. In Edinburgh, the equivalent cost is £1440.

Question (1) Can the Convener explain why the costs vary so much?

Answer (1)

Question (2) How can this be justifiable when the work involved in administering the scheme will be the same? Indeed, it could be argued that there are economies of scale in administering the scheme for larger local authorities in Edinburgh

Answer (2)