

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 31 August 2023

Lauriston Castle Trust – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

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1. For Decision/Action

- 1.1 The Finance and Resources Committee has referred a report on Lauriston Castle Trust to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

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Referral Report

Lauriston Castle Trust

2. Terms of Referral

- 2.1 On 20 June 2023, the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report on the Lauriston Castle Trust. The report requested approving the approach of applying to the Court of Session to use the *nobile officium* to approve the winding up of the Lauriston Castle Trust and the transfer of assets to the council.
- 2.2 The Finance and Resources Committee agreed:
 - 2.2.1 To note the options for re-shaping the governance arrangements for Lauriston Castle Trust.
 - 2.2.2 To report on the Committee's request for further information as to the practicalities of transferring the property at Lauriston Castle to the Common Good, and to note that such transfer would not be legally competent.
 - 2.2.3 To approve the approach as set out in section 4 of the B agenda report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services to the Finance and Resources Committee of 25 April 2023 – namely to apply the Court of Session to use its exceptional power – the *nobile officium* – to wind up Lauriston Castle Trust and transfer ownership of the property to the Council, as the most practical solution to achieve the stated outcomes, and to refer the report to Full Council.

3. Background Reading

- 3.1 Finance and Resources Committee – 20 June 2023 – Webcast - https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/782728
- 3.2 Minute of the Finance and Resources Committee – 20 June 2023

4. Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services (This Appendix is circulated on the Private Reports section of the Agenda)