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Dear David Baker

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request for information, received by Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) on 26 January 2022 in the following terms:

In 1930 the Magistrates of the City of Edinburgh along with others were appointed in perpetuity Trustees of the Lauriston Castle Trust.

In May 1975 those same magistrates became Justices of the Peace.

The City of Edinburgh Council state that the Justices of Peace are not Trustees of the Lauriston Castle Trust.

Please clarify, are the Justices of the Peace still Trustees of Lauriston Castle Trust?

Please provide all communications in relation to the Magistrates/Justices of the Peace in connection with the Lauriston Castle Trust.

The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) tries where possible to provide the information requested, however I must give notice in terms of section 17 FOISA that the requested information is information that SCTS does not hold.

The SCTS Annual Report & Accounts, published on our website, does contain the SCTS Board Members' Register of Interests, including a note of any trusteeships. The SCTS board does have some members who are judicial office holders. Please see page 30 of the most recent publication:

https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/docs/default-source/aboutscs/reports-and-data/reports-data/scts-annual-report-and-accounts-2020-21a7df0759f98748dfb57dc23d1d14eec9.pdf?sfvrsn=3c2d942c_0

However, the SCTS does not hold, and is not required to hold, a register of interests for Scottish judicial office holders. Accordingly, we do not hold any information regarding any Justices of the Peace being trustees of Lauriston Castle Trust.

I am sorry that I cannot be of further assistance on this occasion. However should you feel dissatisfied with the decision or the manner in which your request has been handled, the Act provides for a review process to be conducted. Should you wish to take advantage of this process you may apply in writing for a review. Your request should provide details of why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt to:

The Freedom of Information Officer
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service
Saughton House
Broomhouse Drive
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Following that review should you still feel dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge an appeal with the Scottish Information Commissioner either online:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

or at the following address:-

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St. Andrews
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Yours sincerely

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