

East Lothian Council

FOI / EIR Ref: 2018/552669

1. How many properties in Tranent that are under Private Landlord Ownership do East Lothian Council lease back from the Private Landlord (to sub-let)?

20 properties.

2. How many of these Private Landlords ARE EMPLOYED by East Lothian Council (or their spouses)?

1 property only.

3. How many of these properties (in Tranent) have lain empty over the past 6 months or more yet East Lothian Council have continued to pay the monthly lease payment to the Private Landlord?

13 properties were empty during the void period.

4. Do East Lothian Council have a policy whereby Employees should declare to the Council any personal interests that could lead to them (or their family) receiving financial gain?

East Lothian Council's (ELC) statement of particulars, which forms part of the Contract of Employment and is issued to all staff when they start work, contains a conflict of interest paragraph regarding extra-mural employment/activities, gifts and hospitality, confidentiality and politically restricted posts.

ELC's job application forms require job applicants to advise whether they are related to/friends with a Councillor.

ELC has a Chief Officer register of interest. There is also a policy on acceptance of gifts and hospitality by employees.