

FOI request - Reference: FOI-865393033
Title: FOI/ML/2026/001 — Land & Asset Disposals

Your request:

Dear Midlothian Council,

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

1. A complete list of ALL land, building, or asset sales, transfers, or disposals made by Midlothian Council — or any Council-owned company, trust, or joint venture — from 1 January 2022 to present. For EACH transaction include:

- Full property description and location
- Date of sale or transfer
- Independent valuation obtained BEFORE sale
- Actual sale price or consideration received
- Full name and address of the purchaser (individual or company)
- Whether sold via open tender, auction, or direct sale
- If direct sale — name of person who authorised it and reason given

2. Specifically include ALL disposals within Penicuik: Penicuik Community Hall, land at West Street, Ladywood Estate parkland transfers, Burnbrae development site, and West Penicuik Joint Venture land.

3. Confirm whether ANY purchaser listed above shares a surname, address, or business connection with any serving or former Midlothian Councillor, Council employee, or their immediate family members.

"I request that all information be provided free of charge. Where the cost of retrieval would normally exceed the £600 threshold prescribed by the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Fees) Regulations 2004, please provide the information in parts or redact only the minimum necessary to bring the cost within the limit, releasing all remaining information without delay. I consider this request to be in the overwhelming public interest — concerning the proper use of public funds, disposal of public assets, and transparency in elected officials' conduct — which supports waiver of any fees that might otherwise apply."

"Under Section 10 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I expect a full response within the statutory deadline of 20 working days from receipt of this request. If you anticipate any extension or require further clarification, please notify me promptly within the initial deadline, clearly stating the legal basis for any delay and the date by which a full

Reason for request: Public asset transparency and accountability.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Sibley
JAOC Investigations

Date of request:
14/08/2026

Any attached files:
No

