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EDINBURGH NOT TO BAN CULT

Scientologists will not be prevented from holding meetings in public halls in Edinburgh as long as they abide by the corporation's hall letting regulations, the vacation sub-committee of Edinburgh finance committee decided yesterday.

Councillor James Slack, chairman, said the practice was that refusal of a let depended on the behaviour of applicants in any previous let they had had.

He said that recently the scientologists applied for the let of the Assembly Rooms in George Street, but they were already booked. They then asked for the McEwan Hall, but this did not come under the corporation's jurisdiction. Eventually they found a hall elsewhere in the city.