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Aberdeenshire Council currently employ 6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Countryside Rangers. This equates to 1 for each administrative area. There are also 1.2 FTE Visitor Centre Wardens/Assistants based at the Bennachie Visitor Centre and a 0.6 FTE Ranger Service Co-ordinator within Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service. There are no ALEOs.

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service has produced a three year Strategy for 2017-2020 which has been approved by the Council's Infrastructure Services Committee. The Strategy is primarily a working document to help manage and deliver key objectives of the Ranger Service. It helps to provide a structured approach to the delivery of the service over this three year period. This was the second Strategy which the Service produced. A review of the first Strategy was undertaken in 2017. This may benefit the Committee in understanding what work the Ranger Service has been undertaking in recent years. A Ranger Service Team Action Plan is also created and followed each year. All of these documents are available on our website from the following link:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service/publications-and-leaflets/>

I hope this provides the information which the Committee were seeking.