

**PE1678/E**

Aberdeen City Council submission of 16 February 2018

With reference to Public Petition PE1678 – Countryside Ranger Services in Scotland request for information I can confirm that Aberdeen City Council employs 3.6 FTE Countryside Rangers which will be increasing to 4.6FTE from mid-March 2018 due to additional external grant funding.

In addition to that I manage the Countryside Ranger Service as the major part of my 1FTE role as Countryside Officer.

We have a Countryside Ranger Service Five Year Plan 2010-2015, which I am in the process of reviewing and updating. This was not reviewed earlier due to considerable changes in the structures within the authority which are still ongoing. We have reported on an annual basis to our Council Committee on the progress of the plan and highlighted any significant changes.