

PE1678/H

East Ayrshire Council submission of 23 February 2018

Further to the Public Petitions Committee request for information regarding Countryside Rangers, I can provide the following information that is pertinent to East Ayrshire:

- East Ayrshire Council through a Service Level Agreement with East Ayrshire Leisure Trust employs 4 FTE district Countryside Rangers. 2 rangers are also employed by Scottish Water and Forestry Commission Scotland to cover specific areas within the local authority area of East Ayrshire.
- Neither East Ayrshire Council nor East Ayrshire Leisure Trust has a specific 3 to 5 year plan for rangers services. However, the East Ayrshire Countryside Ranger Team is fully integrated into the East Ayrshire Leisure 3 year business plan and is embedded into specific policies and plans including the East Ayrshire Biodiversity Duty Action Plan and the Dean Castle Country Park Business Plan.