

PE1678/N

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submission of 1 March 2018

The Committee would welcome information on the following points in the context of its consideration of the petition:

- the number of rangers employed in your local authority area, including in any ALEOs

Currently there is 1 ranger employed in the Outer Hebrides employed by the North Harris Trust the post is supported by funding from Scottish Natural Heritage.

- whether your local authority has a three-to-five year plan for rangers services which it could provide to the Committee.

We are currently in the process of establishing a Countryside Trust for all of the Outer Hebrides, initially to promote and maintain the Hebridean Way Long Distance Footpath but within 3 to 5 years we hope to develop this into a wider ranging ALEO which will incorporate an island wide ranger service. Initial funding has been sourced.

Should you require any further information please let me know.