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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 6 March 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please consider the following questions submitted as an FOI request from the office of Alex Rowley MSP.

• **How many teachers posts were sitting as a vacancy (either unfilled; or in process of being filled but vacant) in Aberdeen Council at beginning of week 27th February 2017?**

Total Primary and Secondary teaching Vacancies = 135

• **Could you please specify the number of vacancies with regards to the STEM Subjects for same date, week beginning 27th February 2017?**

18.6FTE STEM Subjects

• **What is the reason for said vacancies?**

Various reasons have been identified:

- Nationally over a period of time less people entering the profession.
- Potential candidates with STEM qualifications entering other professions/employment opportunities
- Reduced pool of applicants across all subject areas
- Teachers applying for posts in central belt where majority come from
- Aberdeen City perceived as an expensive City to live in has impact on potential recruits.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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