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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0865 - Returning Officer Appointment
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 19 June 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

- 1) I would like to see a copy of the most recent decision by Aberdeen City Council to appointment the Returning Officer for local government elections as specified in S41 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, including who made the decision, the period of appointment and date.**

The Council's Standing Orders (SO 41(1)) make the Council's Chief Executive the Returning Officer and is available at the link below;

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=53340&SID=28546>

As this information is otherwise accessible, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

The job description for the post of Chief Executive specifies this role. The current Chief Executive took up post on 1st July 2013.

- 2) I would also like to see a copy of any communications with the Scotland Office notifying them of the decision, as implied by S25 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.**

ACC does not hold any communication with the Scotland Office on this matter. Therefore, ACC is unable to provide you with this information as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

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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