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To: [redacted]
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your information request of 22 September 2016. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Can you please provide a list of the organisations, including schools and public bodies, which take offenders for community payback?
Departments within ACC including schools do not offer unpaid work placements to offenders on Community Payback Orders.

Can you please tell me, for each organisation, which tasks offenders would do and typically how many hours they would do, plus which kinds of offenders are most likely to do which?
See responses above and below re. tasks. The number of hours of Unpaid Work to be undertaken are set by the Court. All tasks are health and safety checked and will vary in the number of hours they require. Unpaid workers are assessed to ascertain which placements are suitable. Over the course of a CPO it is likely that individuals will undertake a range of placements dependent on a number of factors such as availability - both of client and placement, suitability, weather, priority need etc.

If there are any activities or trips offered by the council to help rehabilitate offenders, can you please tell me what these are and what types of offenders these are offered to, i.e. adults or young offenders?
The Criminal Justice Social Work Service regularly refers individuals on Community Payback Orders to the Venture Trust – men to the Living Wild Programme and women to Next Steps. The Venture Trust believes that individuals can be supported to make and sustain positive changes in their lives and their programmes act as catalysts for such change. Details of the programmes offered by the Venture Trust can be found at www.venturetrust.org.uk

I am looking for a list of the community placements currently available but could you also please provide a list of the trips, activities and community payback order placements provided by the council in 2015-16 up to the present day.
Community Payback Order Unpaid Work placements offered 2015/2016 are outlined below. This list does not encompass all potential placements as we aim to respond to requests from members of the public, communities, Councillors etc. We will also provide work parties in response to emergencies such as flooding, landslides, snow clearing etc. if we can be of help.

Currently we provide our unpaid workers with the opportunity to become involved in the following projects:

Indoor Work Group Options

- The joinery workshop – makes and restores furniture (benches for parks, cemeteries, schools – often with an environmental benefit). The joinery workshop also offers an indoor male only placement suitable for offenders who require a safe supervised environment with no

likelihood of working in any inappropriate locations.

- The craft workshop – will make small items and donate any profit from sales to charity. The craft workshop also provides the opportunity to carrying out light seated duties suitable for those with health issues, disability. The craft workshop also offers a later start time to accommodate those required to collect medication in the morning. Or for those with caring responsibilities who may need to attend later or leave earlier.

Outdoor Work Group Options

- We carry out gardening and landscaping tasks in inner city regeneration areas; in partnership with ACC and the City Ranger Service.
- We carry out gardening and landscaping tasks in areas of interest managed by 'Friends of the Community' groups.
- We have helped create functional and innovative garden space for some of our City Adult day centres and residential establishments.
- We are involved in helping to maintain our inner city historical sites.
- We support environmental projects – such as providing equipment provision for our City Bat Migration Project.
- We will help maintain city areas of interest such as the local beach and local churches through litter picks.
- We will provide a city leaflet distribution service for charities and churches.
- We can provide a grave stone/masonry restoration support for churches.
- We provide community transport for shopping trips – four times a week workers help transport elderly and vulnerable people in sheltered accommodation to the supermarket and home with their shopping.
- We provide community transport to support a weekly 'bun run' – delivering bread rolls and other confectionary donated by a local baker to local food banks, churches, family centres and community centres across the city.
- We provide transport and manpower provision for third sector organisations within the city who provides free food, furniture, clothing for vulnerable and marginalised local people – such as Somebody Cares, Instant Neighbour and Smile.
- We will provide a general support service to our cities elderly and vulnerable residents through carrying out small removals and painting and decorating.

Individual Placements

- Individual work placements with outside agencies such as charity shops, churches and community centres can also be sourced and offered.
- Assessment for those suitable for individual placements is carried out as part of the general induction by the Order Supervisors

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Compliance Officer

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