

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR INFORMATION

Title: GOVERNANCE: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Purpose

This paper presents a flowchart to help with considering whether members need to make a declaration of interest in any proceedings, and if so sets out appropriate statements to make.

Recommendation

The Board is requested to:

- a) **Note the flowchart supporting consideration of declarations of interest.**

Declarations of Interest

1. As members are aware, the process of considering and, where necessary, making declarations of interest is a key component of the Code of Conduct, and in ensuring the integrity of members and their public bodies.
2. The Standards Commission for Scotland's most recent professional briefing was recently circulated to all members. This briefing document included a link to a flowchart produced by Aberdeenshire Council supporting decision making on declarations of interest. While this flowchart is tailored to considering declarations of interest in a local authority environment, it is also a useful reference document to assist members of Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) such as the Authority in considering their position as regards the need for any declaration of interest to be made on items of business.
3. The flowchart is therefore reproduced at Annex I to this paper for ease of reference.

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