

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

FOR DISCUSSION

Title: STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE

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Purpose

This paper presents an update on the Authority's strategic risk management and a commentary on management's review of action taken and current risk status.

Recommendations

The Audit & Risk Committee is asked to:

- a) **Consider the update presented on the Authority's Strategic Risk Register.**
- b) **Consider whether members have any further updates which should be incorporated into the Strategic Risk Register, including any additional risks not currently incorporated.**

Executive Summary

1. The Authority's Strategic Risk Register covering the delivery of the 2018 to 2022 Corporate Plan was adopted by the Audit Committee at its meeting in May 2018 and subsequently by the Board at its June 2018 meeting. As agreed by the Board, the Strategic Risk Register is regularly reviewed by senior management, to consider the appropriateness of the coverage of the risk register and to consider action being taken to manage and mitigate risk. The risk register was last considered by management in August 2018, following Board review in June 2018, and the results of the review are set out at Annex I to this paper.
2. The Annex specifies senior managers responsible for the management of each risk, together with a brief commentary on the management actions being taken to mitigate the risk. An indication is given as to whether the extent of the risk identified is assessed as escalating, broadly maintaining its risk level, or declining following action taken or wider environmental changes.
3. The Committee is invited to review the update on the management of the Authority's strategic risks, and to consider whether any further updates or comments require to be incorporated at this stage.
4. Management Team have not suggested any risks should be removed from the strategic risk register at this stage, although a number of risks show downward trends over the

first half of 2018. It is considered too early at this point to remove these risks, particularly in light of wider strategic environmental uncertainty created by EU exit discussions and associated uncertainties in public finances.

5. The Committee is also invited to consider whether there are any gaps in risk coverage, in terms of any new strategic risks potentially impacting on delivery of our Corporate Plan objectives.

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