

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR DECISION

Title: Approval of Expenditure for a Tomintoul and Glenlivet
Regeneration Officer

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Purpose

To seek approval from the Finance Committee for expenditure of £15,000 per annum to support a Regeneration Officer post for the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area. Funding will be for each of the years 2012-2013/15 (a three year project)

Recommendations

That the Committee formally approve the expenditure detailed in this paper and attached E] (Annex 1) for a Regeneration Officer (covering the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area) from August 2012 to March 2015.

Executive Summary

A Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan has been developed for the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area in conjunction with the local community, local businesses and partner agencies. The Strategy and Action Plan identifies the need for a Community Development Trust to be established to take forward delivery of the Action Plan. The community are now considering setting up a Trust and employing a Regeneration Officer to take forward this work. CNPA supports a number of development workers within the Park that are hosted by a range of community development organisations. This paper recommends that CNPA contribute £45k (£15k pa) towards the post over the next 3 years. HIE have indicated that they will match this figure with further support being sought from the Moray Council and the Crown Estate.

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Background

1. This proposal is a direct result of the ongoing Tomintoul and Glenlivet Regeneration Project which has been lead and supported by CNPA in conjunction with partners and the community. This project has identified the need for a Community Development Trust and associated Regeneration Officer to co-ordinate delivery of the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan. The Community have expressed an interest in exploring this opportunity. Full background and rationale for the project is laid out in the attached Expenditure Justification (Annex 1).

Costs and Funding

2. The following table shows the potential Tomintoul and Glenlivet Regeneration Officer costs and funding from 2012-2015. There will be additional officer hours from key agencies in particular the CNPA, the Crown Estate and the Moray Council. There will also be a significant level of volunteer hours from members of community groups and in particular members of the emerging Development Trust. Project costs are outlined in greater detail in the attached Expenditure Justification (Annex 1).

Funding Partners	Year One 2012/2013	Year Two 2011/2012	Year Three 2012/2013	Total
HIE	15K	15K	15K	45K
CNPA	15K	15K	15K	45K
Moray Council	15K	15K	15K	45K TBC
Crown Estate (<i>in kind</i>)	6K	6K	6K	18K
Total				153K

CNPA Commitment

3. From 01 August 2012 – 31 March 2015, the CNPA commitment will be 45K. 29% of the total project commitment over the next three years.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Finance Committee approve funding for 45K for the next three years (15K per annum).

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