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FOR DECISION

Title: LEADER Programme Update

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Purpose

This paper seeks to update the Board on the current Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme and the bid for a new Cairngorms National Park LEADER Programme. Approval is sought from the Board for an extension of the current LEADER+ administration staff contracts, should the implementation of the new programme be delayed.

Recommendations

That the Board:

- a) Notes the work being undertaken to close down the current Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme and the evaluation that has been undertaken;
- b) Notes progress with the bid for a new Cairngorms National Park LEADER Programme;
- c) Approves an extension of the current LEADER+ administration staff contracts to March 2008, to be reviewed once the outcome of the bid for the new LEADER Programme is known.

Executive Summary

The Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme has operated since 2002 and is due to come to a close at the end of this financial year. A recent independent evaluation of the programme has demonstrated that the programme has been well run and has supported a wide range of projects that contributed to the achievement of the Cairngorms LEADER+ Business Plan.

A new Cairngorms National Park Local Action Group (LAG) has been established and is in the process of bidding for new LEADER resources for the period 2007-2013.

The intention is for LEADER budgets to be agreed for successfully selected LAGs in December 2007 with funding being made available from January 2008. There is a strong possibility that this timescale may slip. The current LEADER+ administrative staff are only contracted until the end of December 2007. It is recommended that bridging arrangements are put in place to secure these staff until the start of the new LEADER programme.

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Background

1. LEADER+ is a European grant-giving programme aimed at the sustainable development of Scotland's rural communities. There are currently thirteen programmes running in Scotland. The Cairngorms Programme is focused on the theme of "helping the communities to make best use of natural and cultural resources" and has supported work in the National Park and neighbouring areas. It got underway in 2002, with final project grant offers being made in 2006, and a deadline for final expenditure of December 2007.
2. The CNPA acts as the lead body for the Cairngorms LEADER+ programme. We also provide a financial contribution to administration costs, as well as in-kind support through employing the officers, providing office accommodation and management support. The Board agreed a further package of support in October 2004 to part fund the administration of the Programme until 2007.
3. Whilst the CNPA is the lead body for the Programme, its overall management has been directed by a Local Action Group (LAG) comprising representatives from the public, private and community partners in the area, including the CNPA. It was until this year chaired independently by Peter Mackay. It is important to stress that the Authority's role on the LAG is purely that of an equal partner and that the LAG is autonomous from the CNPA Board.
4. As part of their role, the LAG has overseen the Programme administration, which comprises three staff based in the CNPA office in Grantown. The staff are line-managed by the Head of Economic and Social Development. Funding for the administration is provided by the CNPA, 4 local authorities, 2 local enterprise companies, SNH and LEADER+.
5. Until the end of December 2007, the primary focus of the LEADER+ staff will be to ensure that all projects are completed and claims have been processed. The timetable for the LEADER+ programme closure is as follows:

31 December 2007	-	all projects completed;
31 March 2008	-	2007 annual report submitted;
30 June 2008	-	final date for defrayed expenditure; and
31 July 2008	-	final claim and report to be with the Scottish Executive

Documentation relating to projects, including evidence of expenditure will need to be retained until at least December 2012.

Evaluation of the Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme

6. In accordance with LEADER+ programme guidance and to aid with bidding for future LEADER resources, an independent evaluation of the Cairngorms LEADER+

programme has been conducted (copy available on request). Key findings include the following:

- a) The Cairngorms Programme successfully supported a wide range of projects meeting the LEADER principles and the objectives of the Cairngorms LEADER+ business plan;
 - b) Overall £1,380,000 of LEADER+ funding was committed leveraging in additional resources of £1,932,500;
 - c) There were difficulties (experienced across all LEADER areas) of definition and interpretation of targets which made it difficult to aggregate achievements across projects in a meaningful way. This was compounded by the Scottish Executive changing the targets and the output monitoring requirements over the life of the programme. With these caveats, the Cairngorms Programme demonstrably contributed well to the achievement of Scotland's targets for the overall LEADER+ Programme;
 - d) 169 projects were approved in total and are listed in Annex 1;
 - e) 90% of project applicants surveyed rated the management and administration of the programme as either 'good' or 'very good'.
7. A number of recommendations were made as to how the focus and operation of the programme might be reshaped, if a new LEADER programme was put in place. These will be considered in developing the Strategy and Business Plan for a new Cairngorms National Park LEADER programme.

Recommendation

8. **The Board to note the work being undertaken to close down the current Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme and the evaluation that has been undertaken.**

A New Cairngorms National Park LEADER Programme

9. The LEADER+ Programme and approach now forms part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme. The Authority's Economic and Social Development and Natural Heritage and Land Management Groups are therefore working closely together to ensure that appropriate links are made between LEADER mechanisms and our work on integrating support for land management.
10. As was agreed by the Board in April, the Head of Economic and Social Development has taken over as interim chair of the Cairngorms LAG and is working with partners to progress a bid for a new LEADER programme 2007-2013, covering the Park area (as opposed to the broader Cairngorms partnership area covered by the previous programme).
11. A new LAG has since been formed which builds upon the previous LAG but strengthens linkages with land management interests and community planning partners (see Annex 2 for membership). On 15 August the new LAG agreed the 'Partnership Details' document which was submitted to the Scottish Executive by their deadline of 22 August. This document simply explains the rationale for the chosen area and details the membership of the LAG.

12. The next deadline is for the submission, by the end of October, of a LEADER Strategy and Business Plan for the Park. In order to meet this extremely tight timetable, consultants have been engaged to work with the LAG in developing and agreeing this documentation. Funding for this developmental work is being provided by the Scottish Executive.
13. The new LAG has also chosen the themes for the new LEADER programme. Of the five available themes, it was mandatory that one of the first two themes be chosen with it being an option that one additional theme from the remaining three could be chosen. The themes were –
 - a) Revitalising Communities;
 - b) Rural Community Capacity;
 - c) New Markets and Products;
 - d) Progressive Rural Economy;
 - e) Conservation of the Rural Environment.

From these, the themes of 'Revitalising Communities' and 'Progressive Rural Economy' were chosen. These were felt to offer the greatest degree of flexibility in terms of the activities that might be eligible for support.

14. The LEADER Strategy and Business Plan will be framed within the context of the Park Plan but will also take into account the respective Local Authority Community Plans.

Recommendation

15. **The Board to note progress with the bid for a new Cairngorms National Park LEADER Programme.**

LEADER Administration Staff

16. Contracts for the three current LEADER+ administration staff expire at the end of December 2007. As has been explained, however, there is still a staffing requirement to address the programme closure workload which runs until summer 2008. The current staff are also supporting the development work for the new LEADER programme and, if the bid is successful, there will be a great deal of preparatory work to be undertaken early in 2008.
17. At present it is unknown whether the timetable for approving the new LEADER programme will be met or will slip but, with the tight timescales involved, slippage is a distinct possibility.
18. To ensure that the LEADER+ programme is properly closed down and to safeguard the staff resource so that the new programme can be implemented quickly after approval, it would be prudent to extend the current staff contracts until the end of March 2008. Then, if the new LEADER programme bid is successful, new contracts

can be put in place. If in the unlikely event that the bid is unsuccessful, staffing requirements for closing down the current LEADER+ programme can be reviewed.

19. Another consideration is the potential for using the LEADER staff resource to administer other grant funding, as was agreed in principle by the Board in November 2006. The staff currently administer the Cairngorms Community Investment Programme and there is the potential for a new Cairngorms Sustainability Fund. A further Board paper on this issue will be tabled at the next Board meeting. For the moment it is worth noting that if the staff contracts were not extended and the new LEADER programme slipped, there would not be anyone in post to ensure all of the Community Investment Programme grants were monitored and paid.

Recommendation

20. **The Board approves an extension of the current LEADER+ administration staff contracts to March 2008, to be reviewed once the outcome of the bid for the new LEADER Programme is known.**

Consultation

21. In developing this paper consultation has taken place with relevant CNPA officers, and the Management Team.

Policy Context

22. The proposals would ensure that future grant programmes are fully aligned with delivery of the Park Plan.

Delivering Sustainability

23. The new LEADER Strategy and Business Plan will be framed within the context of the Park Plan, thus helping to deliver on sustainability objectives. There may be scope for specific targeted initiatives such as in relation to climate change, although this is a matter for discussion by the LAG.

Delivering A Park for All

24. The new LEADER Strategy and Business Plan will be framed within the context of the Park Plan, thus helping to deliver on Park for All objectives. The LEADER programme must have a particular emphasis on women and young people but to be consistent with the Park for All priority groups this should be extended to also cover people on low incomes and people with disabilities.

Delivering Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness

25. The bringing together of partners and funding around the LEADER Strategy and Business Plan will help deliver economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The development of stronger links with partners, particularly through local Community Planning partnerships will also help.

Implications

Financial Implications

26. To date the central administration costs for the LEADER+ staff have been met by a number of funders (as per paragraph 4). In the coming months we will be firming up funding contributions from partners for administration of the new programme. If there is no slippage in the programme approval timetable, then we should be in position to put in place a partnership funding package to cover the core administration costs from January 2008. If approval slips, the CNPA will need to cover the cost of employing the LEADER staff until the programme is approved. However, the Scottish Government has verbally indicated that they may be able to match fund the Authority's contribution for this bridging period should delays occur. It is anticipated that the maximum additional cost to the CNPA would be in the region of £10,000.

Presentational Implications

27. There are no negative presentational implications associated with extending the LEADER staff contracts. Indeed the partners on the LAG would see it as a positive move by the CNPA. If the contracts were not extended we would risk losing experienced and highly regarded staff and in all likelihood delay the implementation of the new LEADER Programme (assuming the bid is successful). This would almost certainly be perceived negatively by the LAG partners.

Implications for Stakeholders

28. There are no implications for stakeholders with what is being proposed.

Next Steps

29. If the Board agree to the above recommendation, the LEADER+ staff contracts will be extended. Given the end of October deadline for the LEADER Strategy and Action Plan submission, the Head of Economic and Social development will liaise with convenor to obtain Board endorsement of the final bidding document, as was agreed by the Board in April 2007.

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Annex 1 – Projects Supported Under the Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Cairngorms LEADER+ Administration 2002-2004	Cairngorms Partnership	For administration and office overheads for the Cairngorms LEADER+ Programme
Boat of Garten Community Dev. Officer	Boat of Garten Community Company	To employ a Community Dev. Officer for 2 years.
CCCG - Support Officer	Cairngorms Partnership	To employ a Community Council Group Support Officer to carry out the tasks outlined in the Action Plan
Ptarmigan Interpretative Project	CairnGorm Mountain Trust	Installation of Interpretive panels on the veranda area at the Ptarmigan top station of the Mountain Railway
Deeside Community Energy	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	Utilise waste wood as a fuel for a community energy production system
Development of a Marketing Plan for the Cairngorms	HOST	To hold a workshop to inform the development of a Marketing Plan
Braemar Woodland Survey	Braemar Community Council	To obtain a complete and accurate record of the condition of the land and environment so that an effective community management programme can be introduced and measured
Aviemore Walking Festival	Aviemore Business Association	Aviemore Walking Festival
Community Development and Communication within the Cairngorms Area	Cairngorms Partnership	Community Development and Communication within the Cairngorms Area
Community Technical Support Scheme	Moray Badenoch & Strathspey Enterprise	To put in place a scheme to provide specialist technical support for community groups in the Badenoch, Strathspey, Tomintoul & Glenlivet Areas
John Muir Award Programme in the Cairngorms National Park - Project Officer, 3 years	Cairngorms Partnership	To develop a JMA programme in the Cairngorms National Park that will engage people in understanding, enjoying and conserving the area, while contributing towards achieving the National Parks aims
Bothy Buildings	Highland Vernacular	To build the prototype of an

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
	Buildings Trust	adaptable bothy type building for multi purpose uses.
Transnational - Scotland/Finland	Midstrath Equiworld Ltd	To engage the young people in each of the areas with the environment based on their initial interest in horses
Heritage Conservation & Community Development Project 2003-05	Birse Community Trust	The development of the heritage sites within the area of BCT, Project Development, Networking, community Capacity Building and Training are included
Community Communication Project	Royal Deeside Partnership	To disseminate information to local communities on the funding opportunities available at present in the area of Upper Deeside.
Combined Arts & Skills Development Programme	Carr-Bridge Community Arts	To develop a quality combined arts programme. To provide a programme of professionally led arts skills development workshops for all ages. Development of a community led festival weekend.
Affordable Health & Fitness Video	Cairngorms Partnership	To produce a short video to promote the existing Affordable Health and Fitness scheme in Badenoch & Strathspey
Visitor Research in the Cairngorms National Park	Cairngorms Partnership	To fund consultants to undertake survey work for a full baseline visitor survey of the Cairngorms at the same time as Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park
Craigendarroch Viewpoint	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	To place an information panel and viewpoint indicator on the summit of Craigendarroch hill, providing interpretation for the area
Cairngorms Countryside Events Leaflet	Cairngorms Partnership	To publish an events leaflet to improve the service that the events organisers, and the National Park, provide for the visitor
Cairngorms Seminar & Workshops - Direct	Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd	To hold workshop in Cairngorms area to provide an opportunity

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Marketing of Local Produce		for businesses engaged, or considering, the direct marketing of local food products.
Old School Development & Purchase Project 2003	Birse Community Trust	To consolidate the community achievements to date, the purchase, renovation and equipping of the building occupied by the group. To provide in the long-term a community owned building from which to provide community management of projects and to run training for the benefit of the BCT area.
Badenoch's Research into Life Long Learning	Badenoch Learning & Resource Centre	To Identify the demand for learning, Raise awareness of current learning provision and find out what type of learning needs there are.
Tomintoul Combined Heat & Power Initiative	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association	To carry out a detailed Business Plan which is intended to lead to the establishment of a biomass fuelled, combined heat and power generation facility, located on the Glenlivet Estate.
Cairngorms non-Native Fish Project	Cairngorms National Park Authority	To develop a local strategy to stop the deliberate and accidental release of non-native coarse fishing the River Spey and River Dee catchments, whilst allowing for legitimate Pike angling.
The Retreat: Energy Efficiency Study	The Glensesk Trust	To commission a study in the application of energy efficiency to the Retreat Building
Aviemore StreetLink and Midnight Bothy Project	Concrete Wheels Youth Development Group	To work with young people in Aviemore to address their social needs and broaden their horizons.
Traditional Concert	Strathdee Music Club	To put on a traditional yet modern Scottish Music concert at Christmas to widen the appeal of the Music Club and engage with a different type of music enthusiast in the area.
"activeaboyne"	Mid Deeside Ltd	To develop environmental tourism as a core function of mid Deeside Ltd by providing the vehicle, for the local community

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		to organise a programme of outdoor related activities utilising the natural heritage of the Mid Deeside area.
Familiarisation visit to Tiree Market and Rural Centre	Cairngorms Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	Familiarisation visit to Tiree Market and Rural Centre
Cairngorms Timberlink	Forestry Contracting Association	Feasibility study into establishing an agricultural and forestry machinery ring within the Cairngorms LEADER+ area
Strathspey Away and Cairngorms Schools Project - November 2003	Dannsa	Weekend dance festival and bringing music and dance to schools
The Aberdeenshire Piping Centre	Mid Deeside Ltd	Establishment of a piping centre
Braemar District Heating and Development Conference	Braemar Community Council	Braemar District Heating and Development Conference
Menmuir & Lethnot Village Halls - Renewable Energies Project	Angus Village Halls Renewable Energies Group	To apply and monitor two approaches to providing almost free background heating for village halls and to report the practical experience.
Cairngorms Visitor guide & CD Rom	HOST	200,000 copies of high quality visitor guide for national park area and CD Rom
Speyside Paddlers (Canoe & Kayak club) Start-up	Speyside Paddlers Club	Establish the club as a local facility
Walking Your Way to Health	Upper Deeside Network Development Group	Walking Your Way to Health scheme
Feasibility Study on the Development of a Forestry Based Visitor Attraction at Pannanich Wood, Ballater	Ballater & Crathie Community Council	Feasibility Study on the Development of a Forestry Based Visitor Attraction at Pannanich Wood, Ballater
Badenoch & Strathspey Pipe Band	Badenoch & Strathspey Pipe Band	To re-establish a Pipe Band in Badenoch & Strathspey
Ceilidh Trail	Feis Spe	To pilot a Ceilidh Trail in Badenoch & Strathspey
Association of Cairngorms Community Councils	Association of Cairngorms Community Councils	To fund a development officer.
Aviemore Walking Festival 2004	Aviemore Business Association	Aviemore Walking Festival 2004

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Royal Deeside Walking Week - Publicity Material	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	Royal Deeside Walking Week - Publicity Material
River Festival Coordinator	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	River Festival Coordinator
Website		
Conserving Deeside	Upper Deeside Network Development Group	To provide students with the opportunity to gain an insight into the current issues affecting the conservation of the natural heritage of Upper Deeside
Community Arts Programme for 2004-2006	Kingussie Arts Network	To develop a programme of arts events for the community
Cairngorms Exhibition & workshops	CairnGorm Mountain Ltd	Cairngorms Exhibition & workshops
Accessible archive of heritage sites in Abernethy	Explore Abernethy	To develop a heritage project that will research, record and publish, via the internet and leaflets, an archive of buildings and historical sites in the Nethy Bridge area.
Feis Spe music club	Feis Spe	Feis Spe music club
Cairngorms National Park Community Events Grant Scheme	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Cairngorms National Park Community Events Grant Scheme
Cairngorms Hill Passes Map	ScotWays	To promote access to the cultural and natural heritage of the Cairngorms, through the media of a colour map freely available to the general public.
Up-Grading of Wildlife Interpretation for Visitors to the Loch Garten Osprey Centre	RSPB	Up-Grading of Wildlife Interpretation for Visitors to the Loch Garten Osprey Centre
Ballater Eagle & Crathie Rural Expansion Project	Ballater Eagle -Newsletter	Ballater Eagle & Crathie Rural Expansion Project
Butterflies & Moths in the Cairngorms mean business	Butterfly Conservation Scotland	Increase awareness of butterflies and moths among local communities
Cairngorms Ptarmigan - Additional Interpretation Panel	Cairngorm Mountain Trust	Additional interpretation panel showing landscape immediately outside the viewing platform
Swedish rural Parliament Visit	Birse Community Trust	Community visit to Swedish rural Parliament
Muir of Inverey Bothy - Upgrade of Accommodation	Cairngorm Club	Muir of Inverey Bothy - Upgrade of Accommodation

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Production of 3 new orienteering maps	Scottish International 6 day Orienteering Event 2005	Production of 3 new orienteering maps
Adult Learning & Conservation in Upper Deeside	Upper Deeside Network Development Group	Adult Learning & Conservation in Upper Deeside
Development and Organisation of 3 Women's Seminars	Aviemore Area Learning Project	Development and Organisation of 3 Women's Seminars
The Dava Way - Granttown to Dava Section Phase 1	The Dava Way Association Ltd	The Dava Way - Granttown to Dava Section Phase 1
Laggan Transitional Training	Laggan Community Association	Laggan Transitional Training
Women's Seminars in the Cairngorms LEADER+ Area	Aviemore & Area Learning Project	Women's Seminars in the Cairngorms LEADER+ Area
Feis Spe Development Officer	Feis Spe	Feis Spe Development Officer
Royal Deeside Energy Medicine Clinic	Leemac Clinic	Feasibility Study to assess the viability on Royal Deeside of a Clinic dedicated to treatment by Energy Medicine
Badenoch & Strathspey into Learning Group - BASIL+	Aviemore & Area Learning Project	To deliver rural accessible learning
Aboyne community woodlands	Mid Deeside Ltd	Part time coordinator
Cairngorms Farmers Market	Cairngorms Farmers Market Association	To hold a trial farmers market in Granttown-on-Spey
Craft Residencies in the Highlands 2004/05	Highland Council	Craft Residencies in the Highlands 2004/05
Sound Start Plus	Sound Start Plus	To encourage music in the community through after school tuition
Badenoch & Strathspey Streetwork Projects & Midnight Bothy - Granttown-on-Spey	Voluntary Action in Badenoch & Strathspey	Badenoch & Strathspey Streetwork Projects & Midnight Bothy - Granttown-on-Spey
Bellabeg - the Eastern Entrance to the Cairngorms National Park	Lonach Hall Community Association	Access provision and interpretation around Bellabeg
Boat of Garten New Community Centre - preparatory work for grant applications	Boat of Garten Community Hall	Boat of Garten New Community Centre - preparatory work for grant applications
Young People's	Cairngorms National Park	To take a group of young people

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Development Scheme - Stage One	Authority	to conference in Sweden
Monaltrie Park Environmental Project	Aberdeenshire Council in Partnership with Ballater charitable Chiels & Sir Patrick Geddes Group	Monaltrie Park Environmental Project
Exhibition Display Boards	Society of Badenoch & Strathspey Artists	Exhibition Display Boards
Food Farming & the Environment Seminar, Islay Information Exchange	Cairngorms Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	Exchange of information between farming community and key individuals involved in marketing strategies
Three Violins Concert	Strathdee Music Club	Concert, workshops and music composition for the National Park
Scotland's Ski Industry Story	Cairngorm Mountain Trust	Feasibility Study to create a Scottish Ski Museum
Tomintoul Combined Heat & Power Initiative Consultation	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association	Study to determine the level of community support and overall community benefit from the project
Strathmashie Forest community Heritage Project (Stage 1) - Archaeological Survey	Laggan Heritage	Strathmashie Forest community Heritage Project (Stage 1) - Archaeological Survey
The Furniture Business	Kingussie High School	Purchase of a furniture making equipment to be used by pupils in running a Youth Enterprise Company and also by the community through evening classes
Strathspey Away 2004/5	Dannsa	Strathspey Away 2004/5
CNPA Media Project - Phase 1	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Phase 1 of training young people to use filming equipment , plan and make a film about the Park
CNPA Media Project - Phase 2	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Phase 2 of training young people to use filming equipment , plan and make a film about the Park
Kilry Village Hall - Renewable Energy Project	Kilry Hall Management Committee	Pilot renewable energy and insulation to heat the hall
Highland Folk Museum & Park - Interp video	Highland Council	Upgrade video presentation at Folk Museum
Business Plan - Braemar district Heating	Braemar Community Council	Prepare a business plan for a biomass district heating project in

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Community Development site		conjunction with the development of energy efficient affordable housing.
Morrone Video Camera	Braemar Community Council	Feasibility study into the installation of a video camera on the communications mast on the summit of Morrone
Deeside's Keep on Walking	Upper Deeside Community Development Group	To provide ongoing support and development to the initial phase of the Walking to Health project
Deeside Community Newsletter	Mid Deeside Ltd	Deeside Community Newsletter
Kincraig Improvements	Kincraig & Vicinity Development Projects	Refuges on Kincraig Spey Bridge & Walkway from Bridge to Loch Insh Church
Deeside Piping Centre	Mid Deeside Ltd	To renovate an old cow byre and adapt to become a Piping Centre
Aviemore Walking Festival 2005	Aviemore Business Association	Aviemore Walking Festival 2005
Bands in Aboyne	Bands in Aboyne	To organise bands nights and provide coaching for teenagers
Cairngorms Freshwater Pearl Mussel Reintroduction Programme - Startup	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Cairngorms Freshwater Pearl Mussel Reintroduction Programme Startup
Monege Bridge	Braemar Community Ltd	Installation of a footbridge linking an important mountain path and replacing an unsafe structure
Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival in Grantown	Grantown-on-Spey Initiative	To set up a series of events linked to the Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival
The Ben Nevis Challenge	White Mountain Dreams	To put in place a 'Challenge' programme for women - to eventually climb Ben Nevis
Deeside Kodaly Choir	Deeside Kodaly Choir	To form a choir learning music through Kodaly method
Braemar Junior Games	Braemar Tourism Group - Junior Games	To set up a process to train and involve young people in the traditional games sports
Community Seminar Visit Finland: Renewable Energy	Cairngorms National Park Authority	To attend community facilities and Bioenergy Seminar in Finland
Deeside River Festival - Concert Ceilidh	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	To hold a concert to raise the profile of the aims of the River Festival
Old School Feasibility	Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd	To contract consultants to

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		conduct a feasibility study for the future use of the Ballater old school
Badenoch & Strathspey Streetworks Projects & Midnight Bothy - Kingussie & Area worker	Voluntary Action in Badenoch & Strathspey	Badenoch & Strathspey Streetworks Projects & Midnight Bothy - Kingussie & Area worker
Angus Glens Liaison Officer	Angus Glens Website Management Group	Angus Glens Liaison Officer
Youth Film & Media Transnational - Phase 1	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Youth Film & Media Transnational - Skye - Phase 1
Cairngorms National Parks Small Grants Scheme	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Cairngorms National Parks Small Grants Scheme
Cairngorms Aspen Propagation Unit	Highland Aspen Group	Cairngorms Aspen Propagation Unit
Wildcat Trail, summer Event	Newtonmore Community Woodland and Development Trust	Wildcat Trail, Summer Event
CCC On-line in the Park	Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce Limited	Develop a pan-Park website to meet the needs of local businesses, community, visitors and members of the CCC, as well as to provide statistical information to encourage economic growth.
Caberfeidh Bookshop Project	Caberfeidh Horizons Limited	Bookshop recycling second hand books with a view to employing and training adults and young people with learning difficulties
Celtic Club Champions Challenge	Camanachd Association	Celtic Club Champions Challenge
Feis Spe Ceilidh Band	Feis Spe	Follow on from successful pilot to provide musical opportunities for young people.
Zero Waste	Community Recycling Network for Scotland	To hold event to promote recycling, re-use and reduction of waste in the Cairngorms National Park area
Youth film Development Phases II & III	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Young people from Scotland & Sweden developing local film projects about their local place, people and culture
Lunch n' Learn	Extend	To develop a peer education lunch time programme focusing

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		upon participative learning through discussion in a relaxed and informal environment
Personal Development Weekends	Extend	To design and deliver Personal Development weekends for young people in Badenoch and Strathspey
Auchtavan Cottage	Braemar Community Ltd	Erection of canopy to facilitate the restoration and protection of a unique 'A' listed cottage with traditional "hingin lum"
The Four Corners	Dannsa	Traditional dance development in the Cairngorms
FishSpey	FishSpey Website Pilot Project Steering Group	To establish an internet service to promote and facilitate the marketing, availability and awareness of all recreational rod fishing and other water sport tourism in the Spey catchment.
CCC Business Economic Research	Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce	Undertake a research of businesses within the East Cairngorms area
Developing the Walking Market in Angus	Angus Council	Developing the Walking Market in Angus
Opportunities for Youth and Community study in Cairngorms National Park	Cairngorms National Park Authority	Research the available trainers, courses and funders for academic and vocational training in the CNP area. The project will deliver a searchable database useable by the steering group, communities and individuals
Braemar Castle Structural Survey	Braemar Community Ltd	Indepth study into the condition of the fabric and contents of Braemar castle to determine the potential of the castle and the capital costs associated with bringing it up to standard and maintaining it for the next 99 years
Strathspey Curling Pond -Grantown	Strathspey Curling Club	Upgrading of curling pond
Butterflies & Moths in The Cairngorms Mean Business (Extension)	Butterfly Conservation Scotland	Extension to the successful Butterflies & Moths in the Cairngorms Mean Business
Adaptive Snowsports	Disability Snowsports UK	Workshops on the latest skills,

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2006	(Uphill Ski Club)	equipment and instructional techniques in adaptive skiing. Come & try it sessions for children & adults
active aboyne'	Mid Deeside Ltd	To develop environmental tourism in the Mid Deeside area by providing an event designed to show of the scope and beauty of the local area for a broader populace
Spey 2007	Scottish 6-day Company Limited	The Scottish 6 Days International Orienteering event in Granttown-on-Spey
Wildwalks	White Mountain Dreams	Long term walking projects promoting health and wellbeing in women
Stells, Stools, Stroopachd	Laggan Heritage	Move sheep fank to folk Park and produce book
Cairngorms Farmers Market 2006	Cairngorms Farmers Market Association	To create and run a movable Farmers Market in the Cairngorms
Braemar Junior Games 2006 & 2007	Braemar Tourism Group - Junior Games	To encourage and introduce children to highland sport, music and dance
A John Muir Award Programme in the Cairngorms National Park	Cairngorms National Park Authority	The continued development of an environmental award programme in the Cairngorms National Park
An Audit of the Historic Environment of the Cairngorms National Park	Cairngorms National Park Authority	An Audit of the Historic Environment of the Cairngorms National Park
Grantown Plaques & Research	Grantown Museum & Heritage Trust / Grantown Initiative	Grantown Plaques & Research
Dualchas na Cloinne Animation Project	CNAG (Comun na Gàidhlig)	To involve Strathspey Gaelic speaking and Feis children in a programme of Heritage related activities around the linguistic/musical and cultural Heritage of Strathspey
Anagach Woods Footpath Development	Anagach Woods Trust	To upgrade a 0.5km section of path to all-ability standard, from Grant Park to the River Spey.
Badenoch & Strathspey Primary Schools St Andrew's Day	Aviemore Parent Teacher Association on behalf of: Badenoch & Strathspey	To provide an opportunity for all children of primary school age to come together to share and enjoy

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Celebration	Primary Schools	the work they have done in celebration of their shared heritage and culture in a presentation for St Andrew's Night.
A John Muir Award Programme in the Cairngorms National Park 2	Cairngorms National Park Authority	The main aim of the project continues to be the development of a sustainable John Muir Award (JMA) programme in the Cairngorms National Park that will engage people in understanding, enjoying and conserving the area, while contributing towards achieving the National Park aims.
The Book of the Young Gaels	Gaelic Books Council	To involve Gaelic Medium pupils in Highland Region in creative writing workshops
Logie Coldstone Hall Redevelopment Project - Building Feasibility Study	Logie Coldstone Welfare Trust	Logie Coldstone Hall Redevelopment Project - Building Feasibility Study
Enhancement to Newtonmore Shinty Club	Newtonmore Camanachd Club	Enhancement to Newtonmore Shinty Club - training ground and entrance
The Retreat Maximum Impact	The Retreat Museum & Tearoom	To prepare the Glenesk Folk Museum for opening in spring 2007 and to implement the agreed marketing strategy.
Wishing Well, Wildlife Art Project	Aviemore Business Association	Wishing Well, Wildlife Art Project
ACCC Development & Expansion	Association of Cairngorms Community Councils	To build on the work of the original project
Aviemore Interpretation Boards	Aviemore Business Association	To create new interpretation boards in Aviemore utilising existing frames
Being Young in Badenoch	Highland Council	Arts project for young people
John Roy Stuart Festival	Badenoch & Strathspey Local History Group and Sinne Gaelic Group	Festival to promote local history & culture by raising awareness about the life, poetry and songs of the Gaelic bard John Roy Stuart
Tomintoul & Glenlivet highland Holidays Marketing Action Plan	Tomintoul & Glenlivet Highland Holidays	Tomintoul & Glenlivet highland Holidays Marketing Action Plan
Cairngorms Ceilidh Trail	Feis Spe	To establish a ceilidh trail throughout the CNP area over 3

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		years which will offer employment and professional development opportunities to young local musicians and work with local organisations and businesses to develop the cultural tourism potential of the area.
Newtonmore Highland Games	Newtonmore Highland Games	To establish an additional competition for primary school children on Saturday morning at the Games at the traditional heavy events.
Fashion Attack	Carrbridge Community Arts	To create a visual arts, music and dance project to engage young people from a small, village in an innovative event which will provide the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and which will help build self confidence and self-esteem.
Grantown Primary Garden & Heritage Event	Grantown Primary School Parent Teacher Association	To have a spectacular outdoor performance 'The Highland Garden Party' which will involve music, dance and drama and which will link into the history of the school.
Heritage & Environment Conference	Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO)/Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU)/Highland Council (HC) Partnership Group	The staging of a major academic conference on Heritage and the environment to be held in Sabhal Mor Ostaig and at the Highland Folk Museum.
Gates Open Days 2007	Highlands & Islands Local Food Network	'Gates Open' will be an invitation to members of the public to explore and celebrate land and food in the highlands, and the special relationship that shapes both the landscape and what we eat.
Events programme in support of the 6 day Orienteering Event - Grantown-on-Spey	Grantown Initiative	To show the visitors how vibrant and interesting the town is by inviting them to celebrate its culture and heritage with the locals and to truly feel part of the community for that week.
Cairngorms National Park Small Grants Scheme	Cairngorms National Park Authority	To continue the grant scheme to encourage communities in the National Park to undertake

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		activities related to the Park aims of the Park Plan including the natural & cultural environment of the area.

Annex 2 – Members of the New CNP LEADER Local Action Group

1. Aberdeenshire Council
2. Angus Council
3. Association of Cairngorms Communities (3 representatives)
4. Ballater Royal Deeside Ltd
5. Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce (3 representatives)
6. Cairngorms National Park Authority
7. Crofter's Commission
8. Forestry Commission
9. Highland Council
10. Highlands & Islands Enterprise – Inverness & East Highland
11. Inclusive Cairngorms (women's representative and youth representative)
12. Marr Area Partnership
13. Moray Council
14. National Farmers Union of Scotland
15. Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd
16. Scottish Enterprise Grampian
17. Scottish Natural Heritage
18. Scottish Rural Property and Business Association
19. Voluntary Action Badenoch and Strathspey (linking with all three CVS's)