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Dear Sirs

Cairngorms National Park Authority
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of Cairngorms National Park Authority (the Authority) for the year ended 31 March 2021 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the HM Treasury Financial Reporting Manual (FRoM) and applicable law.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Financial Statements

- i. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the FRoM in particular the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.
- ii. We have fulfilled our responsibilities in preparing financial statements in accordance with the FRoM and direction given by Scottish Ministers within The National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000.
- iii. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for ensuring that expenditure and income are applied for the purposes intended and that the financial transactions in the financial statements conform to the authorities which govern them.
- iv. We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the Authority and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- v. The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of any regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
- vi. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

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- vii. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. Such accounting estimates include: provisions, depreciation of property, plant and equipment and accruals. We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the FReM and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. We understand our responsibilities includes identifying and considering alternative, methods, assumptions, or source data that would be equally valid under the financial reporting framework, and why these alternatives were rejected in favour of the estimate used.
- viii. Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
 - a. there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent
 - b. none of the assets of the Authority have been assigned, pledged or mortgaged
 - c. there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- ix. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the FReM.
- x. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the FReM require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- xi. We have only accrued for items received before the year-end.
- xii. We have considered the unadjusted misstatements schedule included in your Audit Findings Report and attached. We have not adjusted the financial statements for these misstatements brought to our attention as they are immaterial to the results of the Authority and its financial position at the year-end.
- xiii. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- xiv. Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards.
- xv. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- xvi. We have updated our going concern assessment and cashflow forecasts in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We continue to believe that the Authority's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis and have not identified any material uncertainties related to going concern on the grounds that:
 - a. the nature of the Authority means that, notwithstanding any intention to liquidate the Authority or cease its operations in their current form, it will continue to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting because, in such an event, services it performs can be expected to continue to be delivered by related public authorities and preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis will still provide a faithful representation of the items in the financial statements
 - b. the financial reporting framework permits the entry to prepare its financial statements on the basis of the presumption set out under a) above; and
 - c. The Authority's system of internal control has not identified any events or conditions relevant to going concern.

We believe that no further disclosures relating to the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Information Provided

- xvii. We have provided you with:
 - a. access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the Authority's financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - b. additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
 - c. access to persons within the Authority via remote arrangements, in compliance with the nationally specified social distancing requirements established by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- xxiii. We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.
- xix. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- xx. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- xxi. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Authority and involves:
 - a. management;
 - b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- xxii. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- xxiii. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- xxiv. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Authority's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- xxv. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Annual Governance Statement

- xxvi. We are satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the Authority's risk assurance and governance framework, and we confirm that we are not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS.

Annual Report

- xxvii. The disclosures within the Annual Report fairly reflect our understanding of the Authority's financial and operating performance over the period covered by the Authority's financial statements.

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Approval

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Cairngorms National Park Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting at its meeting on 10 September 2021.

Yours faithfully

Grant Moir
Chief Executive and Accountable Officer

Date:
Signed on behalf of Cairngorms National Park Authority

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Appendix 1: Unadjusted misstatements

Detail	Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure £'000	Statement of Financial Position £' 000
Being adjustment to separately recognise provisions from trade and other payables and other current liabilities (Note required disclosures around provisions also required)		Cr Provisions (60) Dr Trade and other payables 60
Overall impact	-	-

The adjustment above is not considered material to the financial statements.

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