

NPPP Programme Delivery
Conservation

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			What are we going to do to deliver this	What are we looking to achieve in 5 years	By summer 2018 x By summer 2019 y			On track or not	
I. Landscape – Scale Conservation	Ia.	Target effort and support to the most effective opportunities to deliver the public interest priorities such as woodland improvement and expansion, peatland restoration, flood risk management	Produce woodland expansion target map and promote Input to forestry consultations Publish New Cairngorms Forest Strategy Target and promote peatland restoration opportunities Promote opportunities for natural flood management	5000 ha Native woodland expansion Improved woodland habitats Improved forest creation and management 5000 ha Peatland restoration Examples of natural flood management	5000ha woodland expansion by 2022 Forestry consultations responded to as necessary CFS published Autumn 2018 5000ha peatland restoration by 2022 Sub-catchment monitoring of extensive range of NFM measures	2948 ha of woodland expansion achieved since 2017 (updated Nov 2019). 1788 ha Peatland restoration since 2017. 508ha of peatland under restoration management (subject to weather) during 2019/20. 487ha not progressed due to lack of contractor capacity and snow on site. Over 5500ha of peat depth surveys and HIA done. Whilst funding is no longer a problem, contractor capacity restricting amount of peatland restoration. Woodland restoration and expansion at Mar Lodge, Glen Tanar and Ballochbuie through SNH MA and AECS. Cairngorms Connect – 550ha of new native woodland planted and 200 ha of montane woodland planted in 2019; enhanced deer management to protect montane habitats and natural regeneration. Lodgepole pine removed for conversion to Scots Pine; establishment of tree nursery including montane willow species and seed collected from high altitude downy birch;	Early indications, based on draft woodland creation proposals on various estates across the CNP, suggests a target of 1000 ha/yr will be easily achieved (possibly twice over) across the next five year period. Peatland: Delays due to Covid-19, six legacy projects started in the late summer of 2020. Actual restoration management totalled only 131 hectares in 2020/21 against a target of 1170 hectares. Since 2018 a total of 2172 hectares have been restored. A programme of works, covering nearly 550 hectares is planned this year as well as finalising the necessary administration to running our own peatland programme.	Amber	Woodland – Green Peatland – Red Overall - Amber

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						<p>348ha of peatland restored; final year of fieldwork concluded on first phase of predator-prey project; baseline surveys completed for woodland expansion model, species indicators, invertebrate and songbird communities;</p> <p>Spey valley wader conservation project – SNH trialling POBAS approach to agri-environment funding</p>			
	Ib.	Support and further develop the role of catchment partnerships (CPs) as mechanisms to co-ordinate land use planning, and identify priority areas for natural flood management	<p>Input to CPs to ensure they work effectively on the ground</p> <p>Develop and monitor CP action plans</p>	Effective Catchment partnerships, achieving practical results	<p>Catchment Partnerships fully staffed and integrated with Fishery Trusts</p> <p>Wide range of new practical examples of sustainable catchment management</p>	<p>River Dee Trust launched 'Plant a Million Trees' campaign - riparian planting in upper catchment</p> <p>Spey Catchment Initiative delivering riparian planting and river restoration projects along the Spey.</p> <p>New River Dee Catchment Management Plan final draft stage</p> <p>S. Esk CMP delivering riparian planting and river restoration</p>	<p>Spey, Dee and S. Esk Catchment management Partnerships continue to deliver restoration projects as exemplars of using woody debris and riparian planting to re-naturalise freshwater systems.</p> <p>CNPA represented in Boards and steering groups of all 3 catchment organisations, fostering Park wide approaches and integration with NPPP</p>	Green	Green
	Ic.	Support land owner led collaborations to co-ordinate planning, delivery and monitoring across multiple land holdings, including Cairngorms Connect and the East Cairngorms Moorland Partnership	<p>CC – Offer advice and support to CC as requested</p> <p>ECMP – drive forward agreed projects (eg habitat enhancement map, raptor projects, muirburn plan)</p>	<p>CC – Long term projects (eg montane woodland restoration, co-ordinated deer management) begun.</p> <p>ECMP – Estates working in co-ordinated fashion on agreed set of key projects</p>	<p>CC – 2018 – ELP application successful.</p> <p>ECMP – 2019 – key projects underway on muirburn, woodlands, raptors</p>	<p>Cairngorms Connect commenced an Endangered Landscapes Programme funded 5 year work programme worth \$5 million USD and has increased its team with 9 new FTE working on partnership objectives including increasing public engagement.</p> <p>ECMP – muirburn map completed; all estates trained in mountain hare counting & participating in annual counts; 2-yr wader productivity monitoring project with</p>	<p>Cairngorms Connect – ELP programme on target re deer management, peatland restoration, catchment work etc. Much media interest in this work</p> <p>ECMP – all areas of work ongoing eg muirburn mapping, wader project, mapping of potential woodland and scrub. Raptor monitoring affected by Covid regulations. One partner has left ECMP after end of 20/21, however work progressing with remaining partners.</p>	Green	Green

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						BTO completed			
	Id.	Co-ordinate habitat, recreation and development management to secure the capercaillie population through delivery of the Capercaillie Framework	NLHF bid: Community consultation & action planning; forest expansion & enhancement; genetic research; monitoring; fence marking/ removal Explore translocation/ reintroduction	150ha new native woodland Action Plans in 5 communities of interest and place Translocation/ reintroduction?	NLHF project development phase underway summer 2018; phase two application submitted spring 2019 Translocation/ reintroduction (or not) agreed by end 2020	Development phase completed. Stage 2 bid to be submitted March 2020. Forest expansion and enhancements targets exceeded (subject to funding). 1 community action plan written for pilot community (Carr bridge) and 5 others signed up for phase 2. SNH, RSPB and FLS in discussion on Deeside over caper, with perhaps long-term view of establishing Deeside Caper officer to raise awareness in community	NLHF funded Cairngorms Capercaillie project on track and delivering the Approved Purposes as per project plan. NatureScot Scientific Advisory Committee sub-group established to review the scientific evidence around capercaillie conservation with an emphasis on the Cairngorms and the relative merits of predator control, reintroduction/reinforcement and areas of minimum disturbance. National 5 yearly population count scheduled for winter 2021/22	Amber	Amber
	Ie.	Deliver co-ordinated conservation action through the Tomintoul and Glenlivet Landscape Partnership	Lead the TGLP Manage TGLP staff Financial administration	Successful delivery of the HLF funded Landscape Conservation Action Plan	Bird hide built – Winter 2017 Discovery Centre open – Spring 2018 Wide range of river and riparian projects in place – by 2020 Scalan visitor facilities up and running - end 2019	Final stages of programme. Some significant hurdles remain, but overall projects have progressed extremely well, on time and on budget. Staff are working extremely hard and TGLP board continue to monitor progress closely. Need to concentrate on tying up remaining projects, agreeing all the 10 year project management and maintenance agreements and ensuring legacy management is in place.	Programme successfully completed in March 2021. Full final grant funding received in August following submission of final report.	Green	Complete

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	If.	Develop a regional Natura Plan for the suite of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) in the Cairngorms National Park. The plan will address conservation objectives, measures, and priorities for the suite of sites. It will seek to enhance delivery of favourable condition and integrate site management with broader conservation objectives beyond the designated sites	Clarify (within CNPA) what a successful outcome looks like Build support – critically with SNH – for this objective Pilot what this looks like on one/two key sites	One/two projects being worked out in practice	2019 – work underway with SNH and FCS on one site (Glenavon or Glen Tilt?) to understand how new woodland might be developed on a designated open ground site	Developing innovative thinking to maximise the potential for native pinewood and montane woodland expansion whilst complying with Natura requirements. A document outlining principles for combining the Cairngorms Forest Strategy and Natura requirements has been prepared and is looking to help balance the value of these sites alongside other land management aspirations. In addition, SNH are preparing CAPs for Cairngorms and other SACs within the Park to provide clearer steer.	‘Principles’ continue to be applied to various woodland proposals on SAC and SPA designations. NS Conservation Advice Packages for SACs still being finalised but will indicate future direction for these sites. In addition, NS have set up a number of Protected Areas Review pilots, which should better inform how the Natura network can integrate with eg climate change land use needs in the long term	Amber	Amber
	Ig.	Plan proactively for the potential and management implications of beaver populations	Stakeholder engagement Habitat preparation Scenario planning	Programme of habitat management in place Stakeholders well informed and prepared	Scenario planning & options appraisal summer 2018 Habitat management projects started 2019	Presented at Scottish Wild Beaver Group conference in June 2019. Aspen and riparian planting increasing Expert opinion predicts likelihood of arrival by natural means remains low.	CNPA are working with land managers and partners to be better informed and better prepared for a possible arrival by natural means and any future management options. A commissioned report will investigate the likelihood of beavers naturally migrating into the Park, mapping and modelling where they might disperse to and where they are most likely to build dams, assessing impacts and opportunities for ecology and land use in the Park. The report is expected in September ‘21, with consultation and an action plan to follow.	Green	Green
	Ih.	Consider options to provide appropriate public recognition where large areas of land are managed for nature conservation	Collate examples of best practice achieving conservation goals Cairngorms Nature BIG Weekend. CN Comm’s &	Increased public recognition of landscape-scale conservation success stories	Improved publicising of successes on the web, at events and in publications – 2020 Research into economic, environmental and	Range of land-use models well represented at Cairngorms Nature BIG weekend. Cairngorms Nature Farm Award and social media accounts promote good	Range of land-use models well represented at Cairngorms Nature BIG weekend. Cairngorms Nature Action Plan mid-term report and film showcase the	Green	Green

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			Engagement. Agree with key partners how to promote success locally, nationally and internationally		social investment models across CNP to be piloted in 2019 Aim to more overtly publicise success through Ballater interpretation and through comms strategy	practice. ECMP interpretation in Ballater planned for Spring 2020 Cairngorms Connect – 23,863 people directly engaged about the Cairngorms Connect partnership through visits, presentations, and the Loch Garten Visitor Centre; baseline survey of understanding of ecological restoration among residents and visitors completed	conservation work of a range of landholdings. Cairngorms Nature and Capercaillie Project social media and press releases continue to highlight range of conservation work. ECMP interpretation in Ballater opening delayed by COVID lockdown and now planned for Autumn 2021		
	ii.	Continue to direct public funds to support delivery of public benefits and explore new opportunities for funding including, for example, carbon management and voluntary conservation contributions	Participate in relevant discussions on eg Brexit and farming, visitor giving Consider opportunities for carbon moneys into land management, visitor contributions to key projects	Public funds targeted more clearly within Park. Clarity on whether carbon and visitor funding is practical and realistic	2019 – visitor giving pilots established. New grant sources successful eg ELP. Carbon funding further explored	Low uptake of challenge fund, but interest increasing and it is not unusual for new grant schemes to take a while to bed in.	Huge increase in interest in carbon funding of land use change, particularly for woodlands and peatlands. One of the Heritage Horizons projects will take forward this work. Cairngorms Trust taking forward work on voluntary conservation contributions.	Amber	Green
2. Deer Management	2a.	Providing clarity on the public interest priorities and developing spatial mapping approaches to show these	Ensure public interest priorities integrated with DMPs. Spatial mapping to id. opportunities for: woodland/scrub expansion and peatland restoration, map muirburn plans.	Deer management delivering public interest and the themes of the Deer Code	DMP <u>implementation</u> to be reassessed by SNH in 2019. DMPs revision 2021.	Improved coordinated approach between SNH (as regulator and adviser) and CNPA land management team CNP wide Dwarf Shrub Heath Habitat Impact Assessments (DSHHIA) completed. Blanket Bog habitat impact Assessments (BBHIA) to be completed Spring 2020, including mapping	Memorandum of Understanding agreed with SDNA DMG, WGDMG and SGDMG as part of Heritage Horizons bid towards development of Strategic Land Management Plan (including deer). WGDMG have established a Steering Group with independent chairman and consultant to begin development process. Blanket Bog Habitat Impact Assessment completed.	Green	Green
	2b.	Supporting the use of population modelling, herbivore impact assessments and habitat monitoring to inform management	Facilitate/develop pop models to reflect DMP objectives/targets. Facilitate HIA training, and methodology on smaller estates. Integrate HIA into DMP	Implementation of DMPs/management actions based on pop modelling integrated with HIA across all DMGs. Expand use of data across all DMGs - 2021. Integrate approach	HIA training and implementation completed across DMGs. Results mapped and presented for future update. Remaining 4 estates in CSDMG to be trained and implemented in	CNP wide Dwarf Shrub Heath Habitat Impact Assessment completed. Blanket Bog habitat impact Assessments (BBHIA) to be completed Spring 2020 CNP wide deer population analysis and	Report on deer numbers and habitat impacts across CNP with Strath Caulaidh Ltd delivered, discussed at CNPA Board and published. Indicates that average deer densities across the Park are around 11.5 deer/km ² (a significant reduction over the last 20 years) but with major	Green	Green

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			objectives/targets.	into ADMG's SWARD database - 2022	Spring 2019	desk based estimates of populations contracted Jan 2020 to complete July 2020. CNP wide helicopter population count to be agreed with SNH in March 2020 for implementation Feb/ March 2021 HIA and SCM for Caenlochan SAC and Glen Callater SSSI completed and draft report with SNH. this work will inform development of a sustainable land management plan for the newly constituted South Grampian Deer Management Group	variations from 4 to over 20/km2. Highest densities are in the south of the Park Continued deer reduction proposals developing as part of DMG Strategic Land Management Plans for south of Park		
	2c.	Supporting an adaptive approach by monitoring the habitat, economic and welfare implications of changes in the context of the Deer Code	Encourage a deer management approach based on integrating HIA with regular pop assessment and responsive culling. Expand use of HIA across all DMGs	Implementation of DMPs/ management actions based on pop models that deliver land use objectives, integrated with HIA and deer welfare metrics across all DMGs	Pilot study undertaken using available management data integrating pop, habitat, welfare – 2017. Expand use of data across all DMGs - 2021.	Deer working group 2020 recognised a need for a fuller, contemporary interpretation of the welfare of wild deer in determining standards of deer management	Development of Heritage Horizons deer project during 20/21 has taken forward this approach to deer management, particularly in south of Park	Green	Green
	2d.	Supporting greater co-ordination of roe deer management and associated habitat and economic benefits, and collation of population information on all deer species	Encourage development of 'low ground' (<600m and woodland) DMPs based on dung counting and HIA	Development /implementation of 'low ground' (<600m and woodland) DMPs across all relevant DMGs	'Low ground' DMP development for CSDMG (part) – Feb 2019. Development of 'low ground' DMPs for all relevant DMGs - 2021	Low ground deer management plan completed for part of Cairngorms Speyside DMG. Others not yet forthcoming.	Low ground DMPs for roe deer still required for most DMGs in the Park	Amber	Red
	2e.	Supporting Deer Management Groups and facilitating communication and joint action across Deer Management Group boundaries where necessary	Develop and formalise pragmatic approaches to deer management across marches between estates with radically different land use policies. Facilitate communication.	Adaptive management solutions based on regular pop assessment and responsive culling implemented through collaboration across DMG marches	Adaptive management and communication established between Atholl Estates and Wildland Ltd – 2016-2018. Ongoing and reviewed annually. Caenlochan SAC – habitat and pop study complete Feb	SNH report on deer management group progress submitted to Scottish Government Dec 2019 Deer Working group report submitted to Scottish Government January 2020. Caenlochan section 7	DMG support from CNPA staff continues to be key in taking forward deer management in CNP. Cross boundary work ongoing, particularly in south of Park	Green	Green

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					2019. Review meetings underway (SNH) SDNA/EGDMG S/AI	voluntary extended while planning of longer term collaborative action continues.			
3. Moorland Management	3a.	Improving a shared definition and understanding of healthy moorland ecosystems	Provide examples of both 'bad practice and good practice' Publicise (see also 1h.)	Clear understanding of appropriate moorland management in a National Park context	Clarity with ECMP partners is developing into more concrete examples of best practice and mapping of muirburn/ woodland expansion.	CNPA and others involved in Scotland's Moorland Forum publication: Valuing Scotland's Moorland – Which expresses a more holistic view of moorland management. Ballater Interpretation in preparation Moorland and grassland restoration and enhancement through AECS projects delivered	ECMP estates are engaged with moving towards healthier moorlands. Land management interpretation has been installed in Ballater, while remaining closed to public pending easing of COVID access restrictions.	Green	Green
	3b.	Delivering more habitat and species diversity within and alongside moorlands	Promote woodland/ scrub expansion Focus on good muirburn practice Provide examples of both 'bad practice and good practice' Habitat and species monitoring	Clear understanding of appropriate moorland management in a National Park context Woodland/ scrub expansion – natural transition & structural diversity	Indicator species monitoring established 2019 Muirburn code mapping progressing Ancient pine/woodland remnant mapping progressing Case studies/ high profile areas promoted 2020	Cairngorms Connect – CC partnership monitoring expanded to include comparator sites within the ECMP. Biodiversity Challenge Fund application submitted for wader habitat improvement works. Notable successes and failures across the CNP. Considerable difficulty protecting isolated stands of native woodland and trees. CNPA powerless to act against inappropriate muirburn and tree felling. Desk based woodland regeneration survey assisting understanding.	New woodland planting schemes and natural regeneration occurring on moorland edges and in riparian zones. Montane willow and juniper scrub expansion projects within ECMP. Wader habitat improvement works carried out on ECMP, Glenlivet and Strathspey. Collaborative monitoring between CC & ECMP postponed to 2022 due to covid backlog.	Amber	Amber
	3c.	Implementing guidance and trialling new approaches emerging from national initiatives, for example: mapping what implementation of the revised muirburn code means, using the Principles of	Map impact of implementation of revised muirburn code, opportunities for woodland/scrub expansion. Initiate/implement species monitoring	ECMP outcomes: #Combined delivery of private and public interest outcomes; # Greater habitat diversity, including expansion of woodland and scrub	Wader nesting productivity project with BTO (phase 1 complete and published – Jan 2019). Development of mountain hare management plans –	Wader productivity project completed Mapping muirburn code across ECMP completed. Mountain hare monitoring being carried	Muirburn mapping completed across ECMP & ground-truthing in progress. ECMP represented on Muirburn Code Working Group. Wader transect surveys, mountain hare monitoring &	Amber	Green

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		Moorland Management and using the lessons of the Understanding Predation project to share knowledge and data	and management planning	in key locations; # Retained sense of wildness and landscape value; # Diverse wildlife populations appropriate to the landscape and habitats; # Improved understanding of moorland habitat and species management; # Collaboration and communication based on a set of agreed principles.	2019. Species monitoring established and data collection initiated – 2019. Spatial mapping of muirburn plans, woodland/scrub expansion - 2019	out. Raptor audit being carried out by raptor workers, estates & consultants, highlighting locations needing greater monitoring effort. Principles of Moorland Management now replaced by “Moorland Management Best Practice” Notable successes and failures across the CNP. Considerable difficulty protecting isolated stands of native woodland and trees from inappropriate burning and felling.	raptor monitoring being carried out annually across ECMP estates. Healthy populations of most species.		
	3d.	Minimising landscape impacts through a presumption against new constructed tracks in open moorland	Workshop sessions on good practice for land owners, Liaison with LPA on casework and approaches. Take legal action if required	98% of all new tracks (inc upgrades) to come through PN system. No more inappropriate tracks in upland and wildland areas	Workshop session in 2018 and 2020 Annual liaison on LPA regarding casework	Maps prepared by intern supplied to estates across the CNP. Verification required Hill tracks ‘walk and talk’ event planned for June 2020 (now postponed) Understanding of hill track planning legislation growing following high profile cases in the CNP where enforcement has been required	Prior notification system working effectively and compliance with procedures appears to be improving. CNPA has taken enforcement action on signification breaches	Green	Green
	3e.	Eliminating the illegal killing of raptors through increased wildlife crime enforcement capacity and recognition for good management	Appointment of and assistance to special constables Raptor tracker project	Raptor persecution eliminated/ negligible in CNP	Special constables appointed – March 2018. Review March 2019 Wildlife crime raptor tracker developed and tested in 2019	Special constable pilot now completed. Really useful for visitor management but less useful as a tool to combat wildlife crime Software issues have delayed testing of new raptor tracker. Likely to be tested on chicks 2021.	Raptor persecution an on-going problem in certain areas, including poisonings. Elsewhere, good breeding success among golden eagles & first breeding of sea eagles in Eastern Cairngorms. Hen harrier breeding confined to recent previous locations.	Amber	Red
	3f.	Developing a multi partner golden eagle project which includes further analysis on occupancy following the 2016 national survey, informs management and develops	Mapping of ‘vacant’ GE (and other raptor) territories in CNP. Examination of	Estates accepting of GE (and other raptor) territory map and signed up to assisting with re-colonisation.	2019 - Raptor mapping (current sites and vacant territories) started with raptor groups and estates	ECMP moorland raptor audit complete – c 50 prs in ECMP area. Further surveys in process. Whole Park raptor audit	ECMP moorland raptor monitoring continuing. Good collaboration with RSGs, including satellite tagging of golden eagles.	Green	Green

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		the wildlife tourism opportunities associated with golden eagles	options re raptor trail, eagle watch in Ballater etc	Raptor watch project up and running	Ballater ECMP interpretation installed	will be part of State of Nature report			
	3g.	Delivering peatland restoration and securing peatland for the long term	Build on outstanding project implementation success. Develop new projects and source funding from Peatland Action. Project manage delivery of restoration work	5000 ha under restoration management	982 ha under restoration management delivered in 2018/19. 984 ha identified for restoration in 2019/20	508ha under restoration management (subject to weather) during 2019/20. 487ha not progressed due to lack of contractor capacity and snow on site. Over 5500ha of peat depth surveys and HIA done.	Only 130 ha of peatland restoration achieved in 20/21 due to Covid restrictions and contractor issues. 550ha planned for 21/22 and increasing thereafter with significant increase in funding now allocated over a 3 year forward period which will support progress on restoration to levels agreed with Scottish Government.	Amber	Red
	3h.	Integrating woodland expansion and montane woodland within and around moorlands	Promote woodland/ scrub expansion Focus on good muirburn practice Provide examples of both 'bad practice and good practice' Habitat and species monitoring	Clear understanding of appropriate moorland management in a National Park context Woodland/ scrub expansion – natural transition & structural diversity	Agreeing woodland expansion targets attempted. Ancient pine/woodland remnant mapping progressing	Ongoing discussion with a range of estates including East Cairngorms Moorland Partnership. Montane scrub mapping undertaken in Cairngorms Connect Estates and Mar Lodge Forest Strategy policy guidance launched. See also 1f. In addition, SNH are preparing CAPs for Cairngorms and other SACs within the Park to provide clearer steer.	Mapping of small and low-density woodland and lone trees completed for east of CNP. New woodland planting schemes and natural regeneration occurring on moorland edges within ECMP. Montane willow and juniper scrub expansion projects within ECMP. Overall, while these activities are happening they are not at the desired scale and hence amber rated.	Amber	Amber
	3i.	Supporting a more collaborative approach to integrating objectives for conservation, sport and woodland through the East Cairngorms Moorland Partnership and with other estates	See 3c				Work is on-going, including encouraging estates to prepare for grouse moor licencing.	Amber	Green
	3j.	Establishing an Upland Advisory Forum to address the integration of land use objectives and bring together all relevant interests to shape good practice in the Cairngorms National Park	Agree function of Forum and future of CDAG Launch new forum and administer	Improved communications and development of National Park land use policies	New Forum remit defined and members selected First meeting – march 2019	CUAG met in Oct 2019 and Feb 2020. Developing ATV Guidance.	CUAG meeting three to four times per year	Green	Green

Visitor Experience

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4. Visitor Infrastructure and Information	4a.	Developing new ways including visitor giving to fund infrastructure investment and maintaining and upgrading key off-road routes including Speyside Way, Deeside Way and the Core Paths network	Agree a trial park wide visitor giving project Investigate options to better link countryside car park charges to access improvement	Sustainable , effective and efficient visitor giving scheme	Trial project agreed and working April 2019. Reviewed Trial Oct 2020	Cairngorms Trust development of the Voluntary Giving Scheme has been progressing and building the list of businesses involved with donating to the Trust and projects within the Cairngorms National Park. The projects that have benefitted this year are under way and are progressing well inc. Osprey site at Boat of Garten & path improvements in Kingussie.	COVID19 has significantly impacted on the delivery of plans for park wide voluntary giving though between £5,000 to £10,000 has been raised in the year. The Cairngorms Trust recognises the need of business to rebuild and that participation for many may not be a priority, while for some involvement in a voluntary giving scheme is seen as a positive positioning of their business development. Substantial increase in capital allocation for visitor infrastructure from Scottish Government provides a temporary alleviation too this delay in voluntary giving work.	Amber	Amber
	4b.	Delivering a consistent high quality of visitor welcome through new and improved information, support for ranger services and partnership working to support businesses, communities and visitor attractions	CNPA agree partnership with Community VC's Continue to deliver Make it Yours Maintain partnership with Ranger Services	8 Partner VC's 'Info is easy to find' Agree Strongly increase from 32% to 36% in Visitor Survey (2019/20)	8 agreements April '18 renewed '21 100 Staff per annum each yr to 2020. Review CNPA partnership with Ranger Services 2018	Ten LIC's now branded and promoted and regularly updated with visitor info. Discussion ongoing with a further five locations. "Make it Yours" delivered to 276 visitor facing staff. National Park interpretation installed at Cairngorm Mountain and Heather Centre; major visitor attractions Ranger discussion further delayed while SNH agree updates to Scottish National Policy – final consultation Feb 2020. Cairngorms Connect – appointment of full time community ranger covering south part of the	Currently 13 Local Information Centre's branded and promoting the National Park experiences including new installations at Glenlivet Mountain Bike Centre and upgrades planned at Laggan Woftrax "Make it Yours" training has now been developed into an 8 min 30 sec video sharing the stories of the National Park – currently seen by 3599 viewers. CNPA Ranger partnership has taken a dramatic change with CNPA currently employing 5 permanent rangers & 9 seasonal staff, and increasing	Green	Green

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						Partnership area using ELP funds. ELP funds also used to increase the hours of the Nethy Bridge community ranger to full time. Muir of Dinnet NNR upgrade of interpretation	grant in aid to partner ranger services by 10%. Review will be undertaken at end of season.		
	4c.	Improving the visitor infrastructure in Cairngorm and Glenmore,	FCS Visitor Management Plan Updated NR Visitor Management Plan agreed Improve public transport Improve signage	Agreed plan linked to strategy Agreed plan linked to strategy Better links to area and between existing car parks Agree criteria for visitor signage	Active travel infrastructure agreed 2020 New signage installed 2019	Delays in Glenmore multi-use path. Road Construction Consent now approved and build is planned timetable for early summer 2020. FCS looking at options for campervan site trials (see 4e) Wider delivery of Cairngorm and Glenmore 'on hold' while HIE take forward work on Masterplan 'Planning for a Sustainable Future' with public consultations in Feb/Mar 2020	Glenmore path now complete with four 'slow road' crossing points. Highland Council scoping 20 mph speed limit, double yellow lines and new public toilet. HC has funding (with support from CNPA) to improve roadside along Loch Morlich autumn 2021 Cairngorm Mountain installing campervan site at Coire Cas Car Park Funicular reopening now delayed until 2022 but improvements agreed to Ptarmigan 'station' – a key place to share the stories of Cairngorms National Park	Amber	Amber
		and Tomintoul and Glenlivet	Upgrade Visitor Centre in Tomintoul Create digital visitor experience data Upgrade Speyside way spur and linkage between Blairfindy Castle and Glenlivet Distillery		New VC open 2019	See also report at 1e above Speyside Way spur upgrades constructed and open	New Local Information Centre open at Glenlivet Mountain Bike Centre Green Recovery Fund is helping upgrade interpretation re Dark Skies in Tomintoul.. Moray Speyside and CBP will be promoting Speyside Way in 2022	Green	Green
	4d.	Completing the 'Snow Roads Scenic Route' and developing a similar experience along the A9	Visitor Survey Branding Visitor Experience Develop and promote 'Old A9' as a visitor experience.	Visitors to E Cairngorms increase from 21 to 25% (STEAM) People visit communities from Killcrankie to Carrbridge on the journey north or south.	SE Project Completed May 2019 Agree plan to promote 'Old A9' 2019 Launch 2020	Ongoing promotion by CBP Appraisal determined that the scope for an alternative tourist route did not exist in Badenoch and the focus of this work	Ongoing promotion led by Cairngorms Business Partnership. Badenoch Great Place project and has developed comprehensive set of resources including app,	Green	Green
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						is part of Great Place Project how better to promote the range of quality visitor experience in 'Badenoch: The storylands'.	new website and routes around features of interest.		
	4e.	Encouraging the provision of low cost camping and motor home sites in appropriate locations	Map existing provision and determine visitor need	Agreed plan, with partners, for developing camping and campervan provision in Cairngorms	Campervan map of Cairngorms National Park showing waste disposal sites	<p>Scottish Government leading a national team including CNPA, SNH, Visit Scotland & Highland Council, looking at how better to support responsible campervan use.</p> <p>CaMPA private partnership is actively promoting responsible use of campervans</p> <p>Forestry & Land Scotland is looking at trailing formal campervan sites in Glenmore.</p> <p>Expression of Interest submitted to Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund for 2 small campervan sites in Strathdon</p> <p>Muir of Dinnet NNR SNH delivered a £180k project supported by RTIF and in partnership with CNPA to improve car parking, toilets and sewerage including a new Elsan disposal point for camper vans.</p>	<p>Cairngorm Mountain & Rothiemurchus Estate developing sites for campervans.</p> <p>CNPA secured support from Visit Scotland to prepare Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Plan by end of 2021</p> <p>Aire Croil opened at Kingussie</p>	Amber	Amber
	4f.	Improving visitor transport options and information	Cairngorms and Glenmore Research			<p>Leader bid agreed in partnership with Kilkenny in Ireland testing options to improve active travel in rural areas. Project completion 2021.</p>	<p>Tread Lightly campaign materials redrafted to meet post Covid needs and supported 'on the ground' with an enhanced ranger service.</p> <p>Variable messaging roadsigns installed at key countryside 'hot spots' including Loch Muick and Glenmore</p> <p>LEADER project ongoing to implement integrated</p>	Amber	Green

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							transport signage in Aviemore station. Further work required to ensure national consistency on messaging		
	5a.	Using partnership in the Cairngorms National Park as an example of how to support delivery of Scotland's Natural Health Service	Promoting physical activity Promoting physical activity as part of Community Planning Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners help deliver 'game changer project' Active Aviemore CNPA maintains membership of each steering group Launch of Active Highland Strategy February 2018 Improved CPP/PASH group coordination 	See 5.g (cross reporting)	See 5.g (cross reporting)	See 5.g (cross reporting)	Amber	Amber
5. Active Cairngorms	5b.	Encouraging residents and visitors to responsibly enjoy and use the National Park for physical activity as part of daily life	Outdoor Access	<p>Increased levels of responsible access and awareness of outdoor opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread Lightly Campaign delivered with 5 new targeted communications pa Community path leaflets resurveyed and republished with national path grading guidance (2 communities per year) 	<p>Messaging to compliment quarterly land management calendar</p> <p>Published annually</p>	<p>Tread Lightly in Cairngorms leaflet was redrafted and released focussing on dogs, litter, fires and biking.</p> <p>A social media Tread Lightly campaign reached 308,685 accounts with 31,463 engagements.</p> <p>SNH is now leading a public partnership looking at how to more effectively and collectively encourage responsible access.</p> <p>Outdoor access seminar about visitor behaviour and ground nesting birds organised March 2020 will help chart way forwards</p>	<p>Tread Lightly campaign materials redrafted to meet post Covid needs and supported 'on the ground' with an enhanced ranger service.</p> <p>Health walks groups re-started (see below)</p>	Green	Green
	5c.	Targeting people currently living sedentary lifestyles where inactivity is the norm; older adults, teenage girls and those living with long-term medical conditions	Wee Walks Week	<p>Increased level of physical activity and mental wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of participants and miles walked by 5%pa 	Annual week long event each September	Commitment by people to recording walks during the week has not been successful. However, promoting walks has been very successful. Social media posts reached an audience of 180,572	Stalled by Covid-19: Re-engagement with Wee Walks Week promoting health for all in October 2021. Further work required in both promoting and monitoring functional	Green	Amber

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						throughout September – an increase of 61% from 2018 and 38% from 2017.	active travel. Cairngorms Trust e-bike project is now making free loans of e-bikes in part to target increased physical activity		
	5d.	Maintaining and growing health walks through the Cairngorms Walking project and linking with other opportunities to be active	Health Walks	Increased level of physical activity and mental wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up 3 new Health Walk initiatives pa 2 new medical practices engaged with Health Walks per annum 50 people attending Paths for All Training courses per annum 	Annual report to Paths for All	Sixteen health walks maintained delivering 4410 walks across the National Park in 2019.	Stalled by Covid-19 lockdown but 12 groups now active and training of addition walk leaders in Sept 2021	Green	Green
	5e.	Delivering more environmental volunteering opportunities and developing volunteer rangers	Environmental volunteering Volunteer ranger service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit 6 volunteer rangers pa (30 by 2022) 500 days of annual volunteering by 2020 	Annual report LEADER and PFA funding ends 2020/21	<p>26 volunteer rangers now trained and supporting partners work to a total of 3.1 years volunteering.</p> <p>12 more rangers started training January 2020</p> <p>CNPA web promoting volunteering opportunities across CNP</p> <p>Working with OATS to agree how to continue to encourage volunteers with Mountains & People (end June 2020) to continue with CNP partners.</p> <p>SNH supported a total of 24 junior rangers over 4 days last year at Muir of Dinnet NNR</p>	Project has trained 38 Volunteer rangers with most re-engaging post Covid-19 with potential for a wider range of work supporting CNPA rangers. CNPA volunteering review underway with recommendations due November 2021.	Green	Green
	5f.	Better co-ordination and promotion of public transport and active travel				Links to 4f	Use of electric bikes continues to be trailed through LEADER funding. Communities of Laggan, Kingussie, Dulnain Bridge and Grantown have Sustrans funding to develop active travel proposals with capital in place to construct and NMU link	Amber	Amber

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							from Grantown to Dulnain along A95. Transport Scotland to announce NMU option from Aviemore to Carrbridge Autumn 2021		
	5g.	Improving opportunities for active travel in Aviemore that deliver improved transport connections for visitors and residents	Active Aviemore active travel project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesign of Grampian Road with active travel link by 2021 Upgrade key off road paths to new hospital site by 2021 	2018: Stakeholder engagement 2019- design agreed and fundraising 2020- construct in line with hospital Project end 2021	Working with Sustrans and Highland Council to agree how to make the access to the new Hospital in Aviemore more accessible to walkers and cyclists. Still encountering challenges on how to fund a detailed design for the whole village. In discussion with Transport Scotland. And three community councils on the best route a lead body for an NMU from Aviemore To Carrbridge associated with A9 dualling	Hospital access progressing led by Highland Council 'Active Aviemore' is a key component of the Heritage Horizons project with design work restarting in 2022 Green Recovery Fund has supported Green Health Partnership in Badenoch and Strathspey Transport Scotland due to update on preferred route for Aviemore to Carrbridge NMU in autumn 2021 Cairngorms Trust free loans of ebikes now commenced.	Amber	Amber
	6a.	Continuing to deliver existing outdoor learning programmes; John Muir Award and Junior Rangers	John Muir Award Junior Ranger Programmes	3000 Awards pa 5 Junior Ranger programmes	Yearly targets met. Ongoing commitment	Five junior ranger programmes delivered in 2019 with 75 young people 2,662 JMA in and around CNP in 2019. Reduction may be linked to temporary staff vacancy in CNPA. SNH supported school visits 197 primary age pupils, 113 Academy age, 20 tertiary education to NNRs SNH - 507 attendees to our NNR events	Due to Covid-19 in 2020 a total of 972 John Muir Awards were completed, considerably down on normal. This is now starting to increase as lockdown ends. CNPA Rangers are contacting secondary schools and partner Ranger Services with a view to beginning Junior Ranger activities in Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022.	Green	Amber
6. Learning and Inclusion	6b.	Providing an opportunity for children across Scotland to visit the Cairngorms National Park during their school life to learn about and connect with the Park	Travel Grant	Increased visits to NP by schools and hard to reach groups. 2017-18 to date 28 School groups	Budget fully committed for 2017-18	Lower uptake of 25 groups in total. Reduction may be linked to temporary staff vacancy in CNPA.	The travel grant has been put on hold during the pandemic with a view to restarting autumn 2021	Green	Amber

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		in conjunction with National Nature Reserves and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park		17 community groups					
	6c.	Developing and promoting learning resources and training opportunities that make it easier for education providers to use the National Park	Cairngorms Learning Zone Online education resources New Literacy and Gaelic resource	Maintain up to date information on websites. Develop 1 new resource per year	New resource March 2018	<p>Shared Stories – A Year in the Cairngorms Project came to an end in November 2019 with the launch of the anthology of work created during the workshops and training sessions. Feedback has been extremely positive; events were well attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public workshops – 106 • Targeted workshops – 64 • Training sessions – 76 • Schools workshops – 170 pupils and 17 staff <p>Into the Mountain Project – was a great success with over 60 people participating in the walks. Educational resources are being finalised.</p> <p>SNH hosted 3 SCRA courses on NNRs</p> <p>Cairngorms Connect – commissioned an album by local Musician Hamish Napier called 'The Woods' which promotes Cairngorm woodland and its restoration and expansion.</p> <p>Cairngorms Connect – provided the focal point for Springwatch, Autumnwatch and Winterwatch based in the Cairngorms resulting in millions of viewers engaging with the national park and Cairngorms Connect partnership, wildlife, habitats and projects to restore these for all.</p>	<p>Merryn Glover is contacting primary schools in the Park with a view to run creative writing workshops based on the Shared Stories Project.</p> <p>Green Recovery Fund has helped support Countryside Learning Scotland to promote Pathways to Rural Work project</p> <p>Additional schools on cultural heritage resources provided via Badenoch Project</p>	Green	Amber
	6d.	Raising awareness and				Covered by 6a - f	Covered by 6a - f	Green	Green

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		understanding of the Park and the issues and choices involved in management of the Park							
	6e.	Creating a 'Park for All' by reducing barriers and inspiring a diversity of people to engage with and care for their National Park through lifelong learning	3 year Community Leadership Project. Inclusive Cairngorms	12 new community leaders trained. Increased volunteering and visits to NP by hard to reach groups 2 Inclusive Cairngorms meetings per year	Final report and evaluation June 2018	Backbone is now coordinating it's 'Our natural Heritage Project' aimed at ethnic minority groups around National Park to engage with 400 people of all ages and abilities from Scotland's Refugee & Asylum Seeker and BEM communities with participants visiting natural heritage sites & undertaking conservation work and gain at least Discovery Level John Muir Award	Cairngorms Equalities Advisory Forum meeting regularly and providing advice on Key park issues including NP Partnership Plan Work is now underway to bring groups into the park to have a day with a Ranger Service. There will be an Outdoor Festival for All on 10th October at Glenmore.	Green	Green
	6f.	Using volunteering and physical activity to promote learning and inclusion	Met through Priorities 5e, 6a, 6b, 6c and 6e			Met through Priorities 5e, 6a, 6b, 6c and 6e	Met through Priorities 5e, 6a, 6b, 6c and 6e	Green	

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7. Housing	7a.	Reducing the proportion of second homes in new developments by ensuring that new housing development is targeted at meeting local needs as far as possible	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	New LDP	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	LDP on track for examination being complete by end of June 2020. Policies will target new housing at local needs with enhanced provision of affordable housing is certain settlements but planning system has little control over use of houses. Further policy changes required.	LDP was adopted on 26 March 2021 and includes policies requiring 45% affordable housing in new development in Aviemore, Ballater, Braemar and Blair Atholl, and 25% in other communities.	Amber	Green / Achieved
	7b.	Maximising the proportion of new housing that is affordable in perpetuity	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	New LDP	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	LDP on track for examination being complete by end of June 2020. Several sites delivered and programmed with more than benchmark level of affordable housing. Recent investment in affordable housing by The Highland Council in particular has increased delivery of rented housing while funding available. Covid-19	The CNPA has granted consent (including consent by appeal) for 578 affordable homes since 31st March 2018. 375 affordable units are part of the planning permission in principle issued for An Camus Mor. Of the 203 other affordable homes given	Green	Green

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						restrictions will slow investment in development sites.	consent, 34 are completed and 54 are in construction. A further 22 affordable units have been completed on consents issued before 31 March 2018, meaning that 56 affordable homes have been completed.		
	7c.	Identifying sites in the next Local Development Plan where the affordable housing contribution will be more than the normal national maximum of 25% because of acute affordability pressures and the shortage of supply	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	New LDP	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	Communities identified with 45% affordable housing in LDP 2020	LDP was adopted on 26 March 2021 and includes policies requiring 45% affordable housing in new development in Aviemore, Ballater, Braemar and Blair Atholl, and 25% in other communities.	Green	Green
	7d.	Using the next Local Development Plan to manage the nature of new open market housing so it is better targeted towards local needs (eg by seeking a greater mix of house types and sizes, with an emphasis towards smaller homes in new developments	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	New LDP Housing developments with more than 25% affordable housing and	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	Policy has been developed to try to achieve this as part of the LDP development	LDP was adopted on 26 March 2021 and includes policies requiring seeking smaller houses to reflect local needs	Green	Green
	7e.	Applying flexible planning policies to promote majority affordable housing developments and encourage the use of innovative delivery models to maximise the number of affordable homes that are built	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	New LDP Housing developments with more than 25% affordable housing	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	A number of projects have been developed to make use of flexible affordable housing policies.	Both LDP 2015 and newly adopted LDP 2021 include flexible affordable housing policies which are being used to pursue affordable housing projects	Green	Green
	7f.	Targeting public sector funding towards the National Park and to sites with the greatest potential for delivering affordable housing	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme	LDP Action Programme	Proposed Plan 2019 Plan Adopted 2020 Plan Delivery 2020	In spite of significant investment of SG funds in affordable housing via local authorities, there is limited public sector funding available in medium to longer term.	Significant investment of SG funds in affordable housing via local authorities has delivered much new affordable housing and a continuity of funding now greater certainty over future investment	Amber	Green
	7g.	Supporting communities to deliver community-led housing solutions, including by making the most of powers to buy land and taking a more pro-active role in management where appropriate	Toolkit for communities Establish pilot projects Deliver housing	Examples of community housing that are repeatable and scaleable	Toolkit 2018 Pilot Projects est. 2018 2020 land and development scoped	Two community housing projects have completed feasibility studies that demonstrate potential and have moved to detailed project development stages. Three more communities are now undertaking feasibility studies and a	One new community housing project now has planning permission and another is in the planning process. A number of estate-led projects are using the rural housing fund to provide affordable and	Green	Green

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						further project is being considered. CNPA coordinates Community-led Housing Group	mid-market housing for rent. Park-wide support group meets twice a year.		
	7h.	Promoting high standards of sustainable design and energy efficiency in new homes to ensure they are affordable in terms of lifetime running costs	Development of next LDP, policies and place-making, delivery programme Design Awards/promotion	Design Awards 3	Design Awards 3 in 2021	Sustainable Renovation seminar held in Spring 2019 in partnership with SLE. New policies in LDP	LDP was adopted on 26 March 2021 and includes policies on design and place-making	Green	Green
8. Community Capacity and Empowerment	8a.	Offering support to communities across the National Park through locally based support organisations and working with partner organisations (such as Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey and the Marr Area Partnership), with a presumption in favour of collaborative working	Identify annual work priorities for community support organisations (VABS & MAP) and tie any funding to those priorities	Continued support for Community Development	MOUs with VABS, MAP & TGDT 2019/20	VABS, MAP and TGDT providing excellent service to community-led projects in their respective areas. Deliverables reviewed annually. Joint presence and two successful fringe events delivered at HIE Sustainable Communities conference in Aviemore May 19	VABS, MAP and TGDT providing excellent service to community-led projects in their respective areas. Deliverables reviewed annually.	Green	Green
	8b.	Supporting community groups to improve communication and engagement with their communities in order to enhance local democracy and participation	Identify pilot projects to support local democracy review	Pilot projects for local democracy review	By 2020 have pilots/events	Continued support through CDOs and for trained volunteers throughout CNP.	The draft National Park Partnership Plan for 2022-2027 identifies further work on this them	Green	Amber
	8c.	Continuing to support communities to review and update their Community Action Plans at least every five years	Identify annual work priorities for community support organisations (VABS & MAP) and tie any funding to those priorities.	No Community having Action Plan that is older than 3 years	MOUs with VABS, MAP & TGDT 2019/20	Community Action Planning delivered in Boat of Garten & Kingussie.	CAP delivery was impacted due to Covid 19. Intention to recommence programme in Autumn 21 (restrictions permitting) with a light touch approach so as reach multiple communities	Amber	Amber
	8d.	Working with community groups to improve succession planning and volunteering in order to allow them to take advantage of new opportunities and proactively address issues	Identify annual work priorities for community support organisations (VABS & MAP) and tie any funding to those priorities	Resilient Community Groups	MOUs with VABS, MAP & TGDT 2019/20	Continued support for community groups in long term planning. Strathdon Community Development Trust established. Support given to Badenoch Heritage to prepare for legacy of Great Place Project	Continued support for community groups in long term planning. (VABS, MAP, SEA running training & virtual events). e.g. Support for TGDT to develop new opportunities in Glenlivet area & Laggan Forest to improve outdoor facilities at Wolftrax	Green	Green
	8e.	Working collaboratively through community planning	Integrating Plans	NPPP is reflected in Community Plans	Rolling Programme of Community Plans	Strong presence at various CPP meeting and in	Strong presence at various CPP meeting	Green	Green

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		structures within the five Community Planning Partnership areas to provide consistent and clear support and information to communities				delivery of actions through sub-groups	and in delivery of actions through sub-groups. Was useful forum for input to planning of significant new projects		
	8f.	Continuing to offer support to the Association of Cairngorms Communities and using it as a forum for broader engagement	Encourage AoCC to support local democracy review	Maintain/improve AoCC	Strategy Review 2020	AoCC met twice in 2019/20. Scope for development of clearer long-term agenda or vision.	Support offered but AoCC has not met since Pandemic started with key personnel standing down. Ongoing support given through existing bodies. Clear need to reconsider role and future remit of the forum as part of delivery of next NP Partnership Plan.	Amber	Red
	8g.	Establishing a new spatial priority area to provide an enhanced level of future assistance/collaboration over a focused time period to the Dalwhinnie, Kingussie, Laggan and Newtonmore area from 2019/20, making the most of investment in the A9 dualling project	Great Place Project or follow projects – eg A9 Slow roads Identify Priorities from 2020	Great Place Project and legacy development	Great Place Project complete by 2021	Badenoch Great Place broadly project on track. Project Officer resignation in January and replacement with part-time officer is of concern. Successful three week Badenoch Festival delivered Sept 2019. Destination brand developed around “Badenoch: The Storylands” and marketing plan under way. Expo was cancelled to due to Covid 19	Badenoch project due to complete Oct 21. Area destination with associated marketing tools and visitor products developed (Badenoch: The Storylands). National level promotion & travel trade engagement underway. Heritage Festival establish as annual event. Legacy Board in place to oversee area marketing & interpretation plan etc	Green	Green
9. Economic Development	9a.	Developing sector-specific plans (eg forestry, food and drink) to tackle investment, enhance skills through stronger links with higher and further education, improve long-term resilience and increase average wages, as well as building business on the natural capital of the National Park S	Economic Action Plan	Economic Action Plan Delivery	Action Plan consultation complete by end Q2 2019	Economic Action Plan approved by CNPA Board in December 2019. Steering Group meeting planned for April	Cairngorms Green Recovery Plan approved in June 2020. Economic Steering Group has met regularly to focus on economic recovery during and post-Covid. 2 rounds of Green Recovery Fund developed	Green	Green
	9b.	Supporting Cairngorms Community Broadband to deliver superfast broadband in the hardest to reach parts of the Park	Info sharing when available – Comms	Communities active/involved in R100	R100 Project delivery by 2021	R100 delivery project in North Scotland delayed due to legal challenge. Plans made for start of Smart villages in at least three places in the CNP	Cairngorms Digital Steering Group has met regularly. Scottish Government R100 project is progressing and should commence delivery within the year. DSSB project	Amber	Amber

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							complete and Aviemore now a Scottish pilot community for fibre to the home		
	9c.	Continuing to improve physical infrastructure, including access to affordable housing and digital connectivity					This generic action is covered by more specific actions elsewhere in this update document.		
	9d.	Maximising the opportunities for businesses, communities and visitors from the A9 dualling project	Badenoch Project A9 Aviemore to Slochd	Better connections to A9 and enhanced economic opportunities	Badenoch Project due to be complete by 2021	Transport Scotland have agreed to resource the development of a non-motorised user (NMU) route between Aviemore and Carrbridge. CNPA, THC etc have removed objections to the scheme	Transport Scotland leading the development of a new multi-use path between Aviemore and Carrbridge. New timetable for delivery of A9 dualling awaited.	Green	Green
	9f	Review implications and options for the farming sector as changes in long-term support become clearer	Board paper on Brexit implications		Keep under review with regards to Brexit timetable	Continued uncertainty over implications for farming sector following Brexit	Continued uncertainty over implications for farming sector following Brexit. Cairngorms selected as 1 of 5 Pilot and Regional Land Use Partnership Officer currently being recruited. Plans in place via Heritage project	Amber	Amber
	9g.	Using the next Local Development Plan (LDP) to identifying new sites for business use and expansion and the delivery of the LDP to target investment that opens up those sites to business	New LDP and Action Programme	New/re-used business sites being occupied.	LDP adoption 2020 Annual Delivery via Action Programme	New sites identified for economic development in Local Development Plan 2020. Exciting developments such as new distillery near Grantown due to start work shortly.	LDP was adopted on 26 March 2021 and includes new sites as well as a flexible policy approach to business development.	Green	Green