

## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### FOR DECISION

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**Title:** Publication of Cairngorms Development Plan Scheme 2014

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**Purpose:** Annual update to approve the Development Plan Scheme for 2014

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#### Recommendation

1. That Planning Committee approves the annual update to the Development Plan Scheme for 2014 which will then be formally published.

#### Background

2. All Planning Authorities in Scotland are required to produce an annually updated Development Plan Scheme, setting out how they are progressing work to adopt and review their Local Development Plan. The document is intended to set out the timetable of work for the next steps in the process, and highlight key stages in the process when people can become engaged in the development of the Plan.

#### Update information

3. All Planning Authorities in Scotland are required to produce a Development Plan Scheme, setting out how they are going to progress to adoption of their Development Plan, in the case of the CNPA, the Local Development Plan. This sixth iteration of the LDP scheme for 2014 clarifies the stage we have reached in preparing the proposed LDP, which is currently going through examination, the next steps of review and monitoring, and new work to begin preparations for LDP2.
4. It highlights the five year cycle to maintain an up to date plan, and summarises key stages in the process which will ensure a new LDP is adopted by 2019. The purpose of the LDP scheme is to keep interested parties up to date of key dates in advance, and allow them to see how each stage fits together.
5. This iteration sets out an updated timetable (section 6) indicating the remaining stages to secure adoption of the LDP and sets out the draft timetable for the preparation of LDP2.
6. To date we have remained on track with the preparation of our LDP in accordance with previously published LDP schemes. We are currently well within the prescribed timeframe to prepare an updated LDP within 5 years, with the current timeframe aiming to adopt a new LDP in year 4 of the cycle.

7. A copy of the proposed Development Plan Scheme for 2014 is appended to this report.

### **Recommendation**

8. That the Planning Committee agrees the Development Plan scheme for 2014.

### **Implications**

#### Financial Implications

9. As the Development Plan Scheme will be available solely on the CNPA website, there are no printings or design costs associated with its production.

#### Implications for Stakeholders

10. The Development Plan Scheme is a quick reference document that sets out clearly how we are going to produce our Local Development Plan, and highlights key dates during the process. This helps to let people know when the key times will be for community engagement for example.

### **Next Steps**

11. The Development Plan Scheme will be published on the CNPA website, and progress monitored during the coming year. It will be revised and updated again in March/April 2015, as required by the Scottish Government.

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