

Corporate Plan Delivery Highlights			
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1	Glenmore Strategy	Public sector partnership now in place comprising CNPA, Forestry Commission, Highland Council, HIE, and SNH to take forward the Strategy. FCS has developed a draft master plan for the forest estate based on previous consultation. Further input from the public is being sought in September.	c. Glenmore Strategy
1	Brand development	Brand criteria replaced by a charter and increased support to encourage greater brand uptake. Research into a branded merchandising trial has identified 6 retailers interested in participating with a trial expected to start in spring 2015.	a. Strong partnerships
2	Volunteer development	Building on the volunteer audit, CNPA is working with partners to develop a proposal for a 2015 Leader Programme bid to develop community based environmental volunteering.	a. People connected to CNP
2	Education and Inclusion	<p>Junior Ranger programme expanded to cover all of CNP and now includes six area groups.</p> <p>John Muir Award Programme continues to be delivered by a range of partners with over 21,000 awards being presented in and around the National park since inception.</p> <p>Successful Outdoor Learning competition run in 2014.</p> <p>Outdoor Festival for All planned for October 2014 at Blair Atholl to provide opportunities for underrepresented groups to enjoy the National Park.</p>	a. People connected to CNP
2	Nethy Bridge Hall Refurbishment	Upgrades to the hall completed and proposals for the visitor centre being developed with Explore Abernethy, SNH and RSPB.	c. Sustainable Communities

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2	Community Action Planning	Community Action Planning is currently underway in Blair Atholl for the first time and is supported by the Community Development Officer network. Work is also underway to identify a local group to lead a Community Action Plan process in Strathdon.	c. Sustainable Communities d. Active LEADER Programme
2	Strengthening Communities Project	Year 2 of a 3 year project supported by CNPA and delivered by VABS seeking to build capacity within communities in Badenoch & Strathspey. Forthcoming training scheduled for community leaders on employment law, leadership, and asset management. Cairngorms LEADER bid for 2014-2020 agreed in principle by Scottish Government.	c. Sustainable Communities d. Active LEADER Programme
3	Cairngorms Nature (CN)	Strategy Group monitoring delivery of the CN Action Plan. Wide range of projects being delivered by partners and promoted by CNPA. Cairngorms Nature Festival held in May, media profile raised through traditional & social media and city tour to start in the autumn.	a. Free standing wildlife partnership
3	Catchment Management	Innovative and pioneering work to demonstrate the benefits of natural catchment processes on Rivers Spey, Dee and South Esk. A number of new projects being developed e.g. through 'Pearls in Peril'.	c. Land management community engaging in conservation, visitor management and economy
3	Land Management Support	Advice and support to land managers to help deliver NPPP. Landowners survey report published. New peatland officer in place with three new restoration projects in process.	b. Mutual support relationship with land management community
3	Landscape and Ecological Advice	Development of the web based landscape toolkit to further develop appreciation of landscape and wildness across a wide range of sectors. Casework advice on significant planning projects. Project for public engagement in landscape monitoring being designed.	Identify, promote and support opportunities to enhance wildness and landscapes of NP.

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		Significant national Wild Land mapping (stemmed from CNPA wildness work)	
4	Local Development Plan	Submission to DPEA and Examination preparation	a. Plans and policies to deliver a sense of place
4	Scottish Scenic Routes	CNPA a partner in developing the National Strategy on Scenic Routes. Lay-by on A939 overlooking Corgarff Castle selected for 2014 Scenic Routes Competition with installation of the winning design scheduled for Easter 2015.	a. Plans and policies to deliver a sense of place
5	Active Cairngorms	Development of Active Cairngorms strategy to encourage visitor and residents to be more active in the National Park.	b. Increased recreation opportunities c. Effective processes for encouraging responsible behaviour
5	Core Path Plan 2	Second Core Path Plan submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval	a. Excellent path network b. Increased recreation opportunities

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5	Path improvements	<p>Three sections of the Speyside Way Extension completed between Aviemore and Kincaig and planning applications in for a further three sections with the aim, subject to funding, of completing the route to Kincaig by Easter 2015.</p> <p>Mountain Paths Project a partnership project lead by COAT to restore the mountain paths in both National Parks has been successful at stage one of a Heritage Lottery Bid.</p> <p>Outline feasibility study on extending the Deeside Way completed and discussions ongoing with Aberdeenshire Council and Sustrans on improving the south Deeside Road for cycling between Ballater and Crathie.</p>	a. Excellent path network
5	Cycling Action Plan & Laggan Bike Centre	<p>Two year funding for part time cycling development officer agreed with Sustrans and CNPA.</p> <p>New development officer appointed by Laggan Forest Trust to take forward the Forest Centre which is due to open in Easter 2015.</p>	b. Increased recreation opportunities
6	Tomintoul & Glenlivet Regeneration Programme	<p>Work is being undertaken to re-engage key partners and community groups with the Regeneration Strategy and a collective approach to delivery. Support has also been provided to the Trust for key projects including the recent Bike Festival and assistance for the Trust in taking on the VIC and Museum on behalf of the Community.</p>	c. Tomintoul & Glenlivet regeneration
6	Cairngorms Business Partnership	<p>Continued support to CBP who are currently re-assessing the future options and priorities for the organisation, including recruitment priorities and a 3 year business plan.</p>	a. Strong Business Voice, Diversify & Strengthen economy

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6	Economic Diversification Strategy & Economic Forum	Cairngorms Economic Development & Diversification Strategy complete and endorsed by CNPA and CBP Boards. Implementation plan and monitoring now under development.	a. Diversify & Strengthen economy
6	Broadband and Mobile	Cairngorms Digital Telecommunications Group established bringing together key public sector partners to consider current and future provision, options, and potential collaborative solutions to ensuring better broadband and mobile connectivity.	b. Better digital connectivity
6	Tomintoul & Glenlivet gateways	Project completed with major improvements and new signage at Tomintoul and some landscaping improvements undertaken at Tomnavoulin	c. Tomintoul & Glenlivet regeneration
7	Delivering Effective Shared Services	Discussions ongoing with partners to maintain efficiency and effectiveness of existing shared services to support high quality services and Best Value delivery. Currently reviewing potential for inclusion of Authority in Scotland's Wide Area Network (SWAN) for future shared service collaborative provision of IT Infrastructure. Some delay in consideration of further potential shared services activities pending resolution of VAT questions.	Shared service delivery; Efficient effective business infrastructure
7	LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS)	Business case submitted in August 2014 to support 2014-2020 Cairngorms LEADER LDS, including revised governance programme implementation proposals.	Business support services for voluntary organisations
7	Close down of 2008/13 LEADER Programme	Effective close down of 2008/13 LEADER Programme ongoing. Monitoring and Accreditation visits supported in June and August 2014. Near to completion of final grant payments and of claims for recovery of funding from Scottish Government.	Efficient effective internal control and governance arrangements

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7	Organisational Development Strategy (ODS)	ODS is now in place, following consultation with staff and Board. An overarching ODS Action Plan has been developed for delivery of key actions in both the short and long term. Actions are monitored regularly by the ODS steering group.	Efficient effective business infrastructure
8	Delivery of An Camas Mor as one of Scotland's Sustainable Communities	Planning Permission in Principle in place as first steps in establishing strategic location for future growth to help deliver the Local Plan and the National Park Partnership Plan 2012-2017. Application for Masterplan submitted and withdrawn, revised application including Recreational Management Plan awaited.	a. Clear evidence based planning decisions delivering National Park Partnership Plan
8	Planning Service Performance Management Initiative	Introduced a more structured approach to pre-application discussions, including offer of processing agreements, and developed a system of pre-specification of applications that will definitely be called-in.	a. Clear evidence based planning decisions delivering National Park Partnership Plan