

## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

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### FOR DECISION

**Title: CAIRNGORMS LEADER PROGRAMME 2014-2020  
DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

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### **Purpose**

This paper sets out a draft Memorandum of Agreement to cover the operation of the new LEADER Programme and to identify the roles and responsibilities of the Cairngorms Local Action Group (CLAG) and the Authority.

### **Recommendations**

**The Finance & Delivery Committee is asked to:**

- a) Consider the draft Memorandum of Agreement to operate between the CLAG and the Authority;**
- b) Subsequent to any amendments required, endorse the Agreement for subsequent sign off between the CLAG and the Authority.**

### **Executive Summary**

1. The Board considered the development of the Cairngorms LEADER bid at its meetings in March and September 2014. The Board separately considered the potential development of a charitable entity to deal with the acceptance, appropriate financial administration and disbursement of any donations made toward delivery of projects within the National Park. This latter subject was also most recently considered at the Board meeting in September 2014.
2. The Board has endorsed the CLAG's approach to development of the LEADER Programme for the Cairngorms and also agreed a financial contribution toward the ongoing administration and animation of the programme.
3. The Board also agreed in September that the potential for the CLAG to establish an incorporated charitable entity represented the most effective and streamlined means of putting in place some means of accepting and investing charitable and other donations within the National Park. An incorporated Trust affords the potential for the CLAG to both enhance its own internal governance arrangements and also the ability to accept and disburse wider financial contributions and donations to finance projects making a contribution to the National Park Partnership Plan.
4. This paper takes these Board decisions further by presenting a proposed Memorandum of Agreement to set out the mutual interest of both the CLAG and the Authority and also identify the respective roles and responsibilities of these two organisations, together with those of an incorporated charitable Trust if established, in the delivery of the CLAG's Local Development Strategy and in making a contribution toward the NPPP. As a key implementing mechanism of the LEADER Programme and in setting out the draft framework for the responsibilities of a

Charitable Trust, the Committee is asked to approve the draft Agreement within its remit to oversee the key strategic design aspects of delivery of the Authority's Corporate and Operational Plans.

5. The draft Agreement is set out at Annex I to this paper.
6. The draft has been approved by the CLAG and also reviewed and agreed by the Management Team prior to its presentation now to the Committee.

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