

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

FOR DECISION

Title: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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Purpose

To seek approval from the Finance and Delivery Committee to finalise Memorandums of Agreement with the Marr Area Partnership (MAP) and with Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey (VABS) for delivery of community development and engagement activities.

Recommendations

The Finance and Delivery Committee is requested to:

- provide feedback on the draft Memorandum of Agreement;
- give approval for staff to finalise a Memorandum of Agreement and grant offer with Marr Area Partnership; and,
- give approval for staff to finalise a Memorandum of Agreement and grant offer with Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey.

Executive Summary

In December 2014 the CNPA Board approved a new approach to community engagement and support. This included agreement to offer grants, underpinned by a 3 year Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), to MAP and VABS to support delivery of community development activity. The Draft MoAs have been drawn up in conjunction with each of the organisations outlining the activities to be delivered and the funding available.

Background

1. In December 2014 the CNPA Board gave their approval for a new approach to our support for the Community Development Officer Framework. This included agreement to make offers of grant to existing organisations (MAP and VABS) to enhance their activities in the National Park for a three year period underpinned by Memorandums of Agreement.
2. The Board approved indicative costs of:
 - £15,000 per annum over 3 years for the Aberdeenshire, Glenshee and Angus Glens areas to be delivered by the Marr Area Partnership; and,
 - £35,000 per annum over 3 years for the Badenoch, Strathspey and Blair Atholl area to be delivered by Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey.

Memorandum of Agreement

3. The draft Memorandum of Agreement with MAP can be viewed in Annex I, the MoA with VABS takes the same format. The MoAs have been drawn up in discussion with both MAP and VABS and will form the basis of separate agreements with each organisation.
4. The MoA with MAP will indicate an allocation of £15,000 per annum for a period of 3 years subject to available annual budget.
5. The MoA with VABS will indicate an allocation of £35,000 per annum for a period of 3 years subject to available annual budget.

Grant Offer

6. An Annual Grant Offer will be made to each organisation based on the Memorandum of Agreement. The Offer will outline any specific activity to be delivered for that particular year as agreed with CNPA staff e.g. specific consultation activities such as LDP2.

Next Steps

7. CNPA Staff will liaise with MAP and separately with VABS to finalise the MoAs. Grant Offer Letters will be drawn up for financial year 2015/16 with each organisation, including monitoring and reporting arrangements.

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