Work programme associated with Ranger Service Working Group

Annex 1

<u>Purpose of Working Group</u>: To formulate, agree and then implement with partners arrangements for the provision of a cohesive Cairngorms National Park-wide approach to ranger services which meets the requirements of the Cairngorms National Park aims

<u>Statement of short-term output</u>: To produce a report to the CNPA Board by November 04 setting out specific proposals for implementation so as to produce a more coordinated and harmonised ranger service for the Cairngorms National Park.

Phases of work	Activities (mostly for Pete Crane)	Outputs/Targets	Indicative Timetable									
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Phase 1: Listening/ Relationship	Write to RS mangersMeet with RS managers and Rangers	 Letter out by end of May Meet all ranger services by end of July 	X	Х	X							
building/ Information	 Meet with SNH (as major public sector sponsor of ranger services) 	By end of May	X		X							
gathering	 Review past work on coordinating rangers in Cairngorms (e.g. Cairngorms Working Party and Cairngorms Partnership) 	By end of June		X								
	Collate information received	 Brief report on significant issues emerging with each ranger service prepared for Working Group by end of July 										
	 Moniter the situation in the Angus Glens where RS funding is threatened. 	 Keep Working Group updated of AG situation. 			X	X		X				
Phase 2: Deliver some early actions/	Distribute and publicise events leaflet 2004 and organise incorporation with I-point system	By end of May	X					_				
quick wins	 Organise review of leaflet. Provide funding for continuity of existing Ranger Services where 	Ongoing		Х	X	X	Х	X X	X			
	required Training needs analysis	 By end of October 		X			Х	X	X	X		
	 Arrange programme of training events/workshops on access legislation 	 Programme in place by end of June. Delivery later in year. 										
	Organise Cairn. Ranger Seminar	Sharing Info. Event Nov.							Χ			

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Phase 3: Finding out what others do	 Make contacts in other National Parks & other organisations in UK and review information received Visits as appropriate Maintain contacts and exchange of information 	By end of JuneBy end AugustOngoing		X	Х	X	X	X	X	x
Phase 4: Strategic issues for Ranger Services in the Cairngorms	 Address the big strategic questions: What does the NPA want ranger services to do? Who are RS's customers? What services do they need in the NP? Where? Who pays? Who directs their work? How can the quality of service that RS's provide be raised? Critically, what role does the NPA want to play in the management of ranger services? Build rangers in to the delivery of emerging strategies for example: Sustainable Tourism Charter Outdoor Access Strategy Visitor Information Strategy 	 Papers presented to RS Working Group Strategy paper presented to NPA Board 					X	X	X	

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