
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: STANDING ORDERS

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Purpose

This paper presents further revisions to the Authority's Standing Orders following the Board's consideration of a revised draft at its meeting in March 2019.

Recommendations

The Board is requested to:

- i. Review the draft revised Standing Orders set out at Annex I to this paper; and**
- ii. Subject to any agreed amendments to the drafts, agree that the revised and finalised documents should be approved by the Convenor, Deputy Convenor and Chief Executive for endorsement and publication, to be effective from that publication date.**

Strategic Context

1. The Standing Orders represent a key governance document, supporting, complementing and interacting with:
 - a) The National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and associated designation orders;
 - b) The Management Statement and Financial Memorandum agreed by Scottish Government to establish the overarching operations of the Authority;
 - c) The Authority's Code of Conduct; and
 - d) Various complementary statutes and regulations, such as the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. The Standing Orders seek to ensure that the operations of the Authority are based on the highest standards of governance, support the Code of Conduct, in particular in terms of integrity and leadership, and deliver on the organisation's values as an

open, inclusive, innovative and professional organisation that behaves with integrity. The work on governance also supports our cultural aspiration to be the best small public body in Scotland.

3. Changes made to the draft Standing Orders considered by the Board at its meeting in March 2019 are shown in tracked changes in Annex I to this paper.

Strategic Policy Considerations

4. The Strategic considerations around policy, risk management, organisational implications and success measures, together with wider background information, remain as stated in the paper to the Board in March 2019:
<https://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/boardpapers/29032019/190329CNPABdPaper3AABBoardStandingOrdersCover.pdf>
5. These considerations can be accessed at the above link and are not repeated here to keep this paper as concise as possible.

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