

## **CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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### **FOR INFORMATION**

**Title:** 2012/13 and 2013/14 Capital Projects: **ADDITIONAL SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR SHOVEL READY PROJECTS**

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#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to report on the second round of additional funding for capital projects in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

#### **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

- a) Note the capital projects approved for funding in the second round of applications to Scottish Government for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Park Authority has been allocated additional capital funding over the last 2 years for projects being undertaken in the second half of the financial year.

For 2012/13, there has already been an allocation of £685k towards these 'shovel ready' projects announced in July 2012.

In mid October 2012, the CNPA were asked to submit funding requests for any other shovel ready projects that could go ahead in 2012/13 or 2013/14. The closing date for this submission was 30 October 2012.

In December 2012, the Scottish Government announced further funding awards towards capital projects in the National Park of £851k in 2012/13 and £1,460k in 2013/14. The awards cover 100% of all the project funding bids submitted.

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## 2012/13 AND 2013/14 CAPITAL PROJECTS: ADDITIONAL SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR SHOVEL READY PROJECTS – FOR INFORMATION

### Background

1. Over the last couple of financial years Scottish Government has made available additional capital grant to the Park Authority to be spent in the second half of the year. Sometimes this has been in the last quarter of the year (through end-year flexibility) and more recently it has been a few months earlier in the year (Barnet consequentials).
2. This year the Park Authority has already been awarded £685k of funding for additional capital projects. This was considered by Finance Committee in August 2012.
3. The Park Authority was subsequently asked to submit a further application for additional capital project funding in 2012/13 and 2013/14. This submission was made before the end of October 2012.
4. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Finance Committee of the additional funding applications approved by Scottish Government for 2012/13 and 2013/14.
5. It is important to note that these projects had to be 'shovel ready' and able to be completed either by the end of the 2012/13 financial year or by the end of 2013/14. This unfortunately ruled out projects which might otherwise be considered high priority but have too long a lead-in time.

### 2012/13 and 2013/14 Additional Capital Expenditure

**Table One: Funding approved for additional Capital Projects in 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	£
Additional capital funding requested for 2012/13	851,000
Additional capital funding requested for 2013/14	1,460,000
Total additional capital funding requested	<u>2,311,000</u>

6. The details of the various proposed capital projects for which funding has been approved in 2012/13 or 2013/14 are shown in Annex I to this paper.

7. Before submission to Scottish Government, the capital projects in Table Two were assessed for suitability using the following criteria:
  - a) Fit with National Park Partnership Plan 2012-17
  - b) Fit with CNPA Corporate Plan 2012-15
  - c) Fit with Scottish Government National Outcomes
  - d) Economic benefit
  - e) Other benefits (Health, Education, Community, etc)
  - f) Deliverability by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 or 2014 (e.g. likelihood of planning approval)

### **Next Steps**

8. CNPA staff are currently developing longer term plans to identify and work up capital projects which would be suitable for similar short term funding opportunities. The criteria outlined in point 7 above will be used as a basis for identifying suitability.

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