

# CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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## FOR DECISION

**Title: GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

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### **Purpose**

To present the draft Governance Statement for incorporation into the 2012/13 final accounts.

### **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

- a) Endorse the draft Governance Statement.

### **Executive Summary**

An element of the Committee's remit is to provide advice to the Accountable Officer on their completion of the Governance Statement (previously referred to as the Statement on Internal Control), which forms part of the preface to the Authority's accounts.

The structure of the statement and aspects of its wording is required by the Scottish Public Finance Manual.

The Statement is ultimately signed, on completion of the final accounts process, by the Chief Executive as Accountable Officer. As the Statement covers the aspects of governance and internal control systems which are the subject matter of much of the Audit Committee's work over the course of the year, it is appropriate that the Committee consider its content and advise on the accuracy of its content on the basis of members' experience over the course of the year, prior to its inclusion in draft accounts.

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