

**CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

FOR DECISION

**Title: RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS**

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Purpose

To summarise expenditure that has been approved by the Finance Committee since their last meeting on 23 February 2007.

Recommendations

That the Committee formally approve:

- a) the expenditure detailed in para. 1.

Executive Summary

- a) At the September 2006 meeting the Finance Committee approved a change to the approval process whereby expenditure between £10,000 and £24,999 is approved by its Convener, together with the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services outwith the normal quarterly Committee meetings. Any expenditure approved in this way is reported to the next full Committee meeting.
 - b) Expenditure between £25,000 and £49,999 has to be approved by a quorate meeting of Finance Committee members. This expenditure, having been approved by the full Finance Committee, appears here as a matter of record only.
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Proposals Previously Agreed by the Finance Committee Convener, Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services

1. Since the Finance Committee meeting on 23 February 2007 the following expenditure plans have been approved by the Finance Committee Convener, the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services in line with the two-tier approval process agreed at the September 2006 meeting:

| | Expenditure | Head of Group | Date circulated | £'000 | Approval received |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| (a) | Europarc Conference | A. Harper | 5 Mar | 10 | Yes |
| (b) | Future Landscapes Study | D. Bale | 5 Mar | 15 | Yes |
| (c) | Highland Tourist Route | M. Ferguson | 7 Mar | 24 | Yes |
| (d) | Media Project (Phase 2) | A. Harper | 13 Mar | 14 | Yes |
| (e) | Cairngorm Arts Project | M. Ferguson | 13 Mar | 15 | Yes |
| (f) | Heather Hopper | A. Harper | 14 Mar | 24 | Yes |
| (g) | Carbon Footprinting | D. Bale | 22 Mar | 14 | Yes |
| (h) | Property Surveys | A. Harper | 27 Apr | 10 | Yes |
| (i) | Joint Parks & SNH Outreach | A. Harper | 25 Apr | 12 | Yes |
| (j) | LEADER+ and IGP evaluation | A. Harper | 1 May | 10 | Yes |
| (k) | Aviemore Masterplan | D. McKee | 31 May | 20 | Yes |

2. There have been an unusually high number of expenditure approvals since this period included some expenditure that related to the 2006-07 financial year and also a number of approvals for the current year since the 2007-08 Operational Plan had been approved by the Board on 23 February.

Proposals Previously Agreed by a quorate meeting of the Finance Committee

3. Discussions between Finance Committee members took place around the Planning meeting on 18 May where approval was given for the following spend:

| | Expenditure | Head of Group | Date circulated | £'000 | Approval received |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| (a) | Community Needs Initiative | A. Harper | 11 May | 40 | Yes |
| (b) | Sustainable Design Guidance | D. McKee | 11 May | 30 | Yes |

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