

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: JOINT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to bring the final Joint Procurement Strategy developed between Cairngorms and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authorities to the Audit Committee for approval.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to consider the information contained in the paper and to:

- a) Approve the proposed Joint Procurement Strategy between the two National Park Authorities contained in Annex I.

Executive Summary

A paper was brought to Audit Committee in December 2011 outlining the steps that have been taken to develop a joint procurement strategy between the two National Park Authorities in Scotland.

That paper summarised as follows:

- a) The Park Authority is charged with obtaining value for money in its procurement activities. It is measured by an annual Procurement Capability Assessment to establish its status against best practice in procurement.
- b) The recent Scottish Government strategic review of National Parks called for more collaborative working between Scotland's two National Park Authorities.
- c) Cairngorms and Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authorities have therefore been developing a joint approach to procurement over the last two years.
- d) A post of Joint National Park Authority Procurement Manager has been created to manage procurement on behalf of both National Park Authorities into the future.
- e) This paper asks the Audit Committee to review and approve the attached Joint Procurement Strategy and Action Plan on Procurement activities.

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