

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: CNPA – CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

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Purpose

1. This paper seeks the Board's agreement to the procedure for replying to consultations that the CNPA may wish to make as they arise.

Strategic Context

2. The CNPA are asked on a regular basis to contribute views on the development and/or the implementation of policy in Scotland. This can range from Bill's going through parliament and national strategies to technical consultations on implementation mechanisms.
3. The CNPA is also often involved in stakeholder groups that help to develop many of the approaches that are then formally consulted upon. This early input is often the most valuable approach.

Recommendations

4. That the Board agree to the following approach to formal consultations:
 - a) Potential significant impact on the CNPA and its statutory functions e.g. Scottish Planning Policy Consultation – Formal board discussion with Convenor/Vice-Convenor sign off on final response.
 - b) Potential significant impact on the Cairngorms National Park e.g. Scottish Rural Development Programme – Informal board discussion with Convenor/Vice-Convenor sign off on final response.
 - c) Technical or detail consultations e.g. – Management Team discretion on whether CNPA respond. Management Team sign off.

5. Management Team in consultation with the Convenor and Vice-Convenor (or where planning related Convenor and Vice-Convenor of the Planning Committee) will decide which consultations are deemed to have a 'significant impact'.
6. Management Team have a monthly 'catch up' with the Convenor and Vice-Convenor and will use this to agree which consultations have a 'significant impact'. Consideration will be given to where we already have an existing policy or where we do not have any current policy steer.
7. If the timings for a consultation do not fit with scheduled Board meetings the Convenor/Vice-Convenor, in discussion with the CEO, can decide an alternative approach.

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