
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

FOR DISCUSSION

**Title: TOMINTOUL & GLENLIVET LANDSCAPE
PARTNERSHIP**

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Purpose

To present a summary of the Development Phase of the Tomintoul & Glenlivet Landscape Partnership – the Tomintoul & Glenlivet Hidden Histories Project.

Recommendations

The Finance and Delivery Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the position on the successful completion of the Development Phase of the project and an update of the Delivery Phase.**

Executive Summary

1. A summary of the costs incurred in the Development Phase over the 3 financial years is included as Annex I.
2. The Development Phase was completed under budget. The budget was revised throughout the Development phase and notable variances are:
 - a) Blairfindy Castle and Scalan Mills initial budgets were both reduced and delivered under the revised budget;
 - b) additional funding was provided to the museum project;
 - c) a new project was added to gain “Dark Skies” status for the area. This project has been carried through into the Delivery Phase.
3. The final development phase grant was prepared to 17 July and has been paid out in full.
4. Following the successful completion of the Development Phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a grant of up to £2,338,000, being 65% of the total eligible costs of £3,594,000, for the Delivery Phase. The grant will close on 30 September 2020.

5. The Delivery Phase has not yet commenced and is dependent on Permission to Start from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Permission to Start request is currently being prepared.
6. LEADER funding of £160,000 has been secured against the Tomintoul museum development project as a learning hub.
7. The Development Phase will be monitored against the following:
 - a) Improving Heritage – to include conservation of important historic buildings and improving wetland and riparian habitats.
 - b) Learning about Heritage – to include a training programme on researching local heritage, rural business, land management and traditional skills as well as a community third party grant scheme.
 - c) Engaging with Heritage – redevelopment of the Tomintoul Museum into a Discovery Centre and improvement of interpretation and the paths network in the area.
8. Periodic finance papers and updates will be prepared for both the Finance and Delivery Committee and the TGLP Board.

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