

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR INFORMATION

Title: STANDING ITEM: STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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Purpose

To update the Committee on the Management Team's review of the Strategic Risk Register.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the updated Strategic Risk Register presented at Annex 1 to this paper.

Executive Summary

The Management Team regularly reviews the Authority's Strategic Risk Register. The updated Strategic Risk Register is presented in Annex 1 to this paper for information following the most recent review of the status of strategic risks by the Management Team on 20 February 2007.

Two further risks have now been added to the register since it was last considered by the Committee at its meeting in December 2006. These recognise:

- a) the potential for a change to the National Park boundaries and the possible impact of that on delivery of the Authority's strategic objectives;
- b) the potential impact of major "external" initiatives, such as the Beaully – Denny pylon inquiry to dilute the resource available to deliver the Authority's agreed plans and hence adversely impact on achievement of our objectives.

Management Team has agreed that the likelihood of a number of strategic risks identified has now sufficiently diminished to warrant removing these risks from the register.

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Background

1. At its meeting in March 2006, the Committee noted the establishment of the Authority's Strategic Risk Register and that the register would be considered regularly as part of the Management Team's quarterly operational plan review process.
2. This regular review process is ongoing and the updated Strategic Risk Register is presented in Annex 1 to this paper for information.

Risk Register Update

3. The Management Team have now updated the risk register to take account of the current status of delivery against operational and corporate plan objectives. Text highlighted in italics in the Annex to this paper shows the history of commentary on additions made and action taken since July 2006.
4. Two further risks have now been added to the register since it was last considered by the Committee at its meeting in December 2006. These recognise:
 - a) the potential for a change to the National Park boundaries and the possible impact of that on delivery of the Authority's strategic objectives;
 - b) the potential impact of major "external" initiatives, such as the Beaulieu – Denny pylon inquiry to dilute the resource available to deliver the Authority's agreed plans and hence adversely impact on achievement of our objectives.
5. In reviewing the strategic risk register at its meeting on 20 February, the Management Team has agreed that the likelihood of a number of strategic risks identified has now sufficiently diminished to warrant removing these risks from the register. These risks are shaded in grey in the Annex and will be removed from the register following consideration by the Committee.

Future Action

6. The Risk Register will continue to be reviewed by the Management Team and updates brought to the Audit Committee.
7. The Risk Register itself will be fully revised in Autumn/Winter 2007 in light of the new Corporate Plan for 2008 to 2011, once this has been agreed in principle by the Board.

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