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## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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### FOR INFORMATION

**Title: SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING  
PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FEEDBACK**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To update and inform the Committee on Scottish Government feedback to the CNPA's Planning Performance Framework report for 2017/18.

#### **Recommendation**

##### **That the Committee:**

- i. Note the positive performance of the CNPA Planning Service demonstrated by the 2017/18 Planning Performance Framework feedback from Scottish Government.**

#### **Background**

1. The Planning Performance Framework (PPF) was developed between Scottish Government and Heads of Planning Scotland (HoPS) as a way of stimulating improvements in planning services across Scotland and assessing statistical performance and the quality of the service.
2. CNPA's 2017/18 PPF was submitted to Scottish Government in July 2018 and the CNPA received feedback from Scottish Government on 10 January 2019. That feedback is included as Appendix I. The CNPA's PPF report itself is published online at [www.cairngorms.co.uk/park-authority/planning/](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/park-authority/planning/).

#### **PPF Feedback 2017/18**

3. The feedback for 2017/18 reflects the good work of the CNPA and its planning service over that year. We consider it a fair reflection of the quality of service that is provided and of the work we've undertaken over a number of years to improve and maintain it. It is better feedback than we received in 2016/17, though officers do not consider that the 2016/17 feedback reflected any significant real change in the quality

of service offered or the quality of outcomes achieved through the planning process in the Cairngorms National Park.

### **Conclusion**

4. We are satisfied that the PPF feedback provides a positive reflection of the CNPA's work over 2017/18. The CNPA's average determination timescales for planning applications are unlikely to ever be clearly comparable with other planning authorities because we only determine a small proportion of the most significant or contentious development proposals.
5. Otherwise, the Planning Committee are aware that planning service continues to put a strong emphasis on service improvement and on delivering a high quality planning service across all its functions. We will continue to do so and to report performance regularly to the Committee. The next planning service monitoring report will be in May 2018 and the Planning Committee will be asked to agree service priorities for 2019/20 in March.

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### **Appendices**

- I. Scottish Government Feedback on CNPA Planning Performance Framework 2017/18