

CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

- Title:** Active Cairngorms
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- Purpose:** This paper provides an update on the development of a new outdoor access strategy for the Cairngorms National Park

Advice Sought

Views on project delivery and strategic structure (Appendix A) are sought.

Update

1. PID agreed and project delivery team set up.
2. **Strategic outputs:** Agreement on key aims and objectives secured from:
 - a. CNPA Management Team
 - b. CNPA Board
 - c. CLOAF
 - d. Inclusive Cairngorms
3. **Operational outputs**
 - a. Project delivery on schedule.
 - b. SEA screening report submitted to consultation authorities. Agreement that SEA is not required.
 - c. Previous Access Strategy Policy and Action Review completed.
 - d. Trailheads identified.
 - e. Started to draft strategy and action plan.

4. Project Board Outputs

- a. All agreed that we should not refer to the project as an “access strategy”. We will use *Active Cairngorms* and the primary remit is increasing physical activity,
- b. We will not identify a strategy timeline such as 2015-2020. The strategy will be open ended and we will review both the strategy and action plan at appropriate timescales.
- c. All agreed to condense and refresh the number of themes and policies to take forward. **See Appendix A** for proposed structure.
- d. DC to write a one page strategic overview for Grant Moir to discuss with NHS CEOs.
- e. Spatial Plan: wait for CAPA framework outputs before developing further.
- f. CAPA: all agreed that the protection of CAPA is the key theme for wildlife/sites/access management. Next 5-10 years critical for the species – how will Active Cairngorms help? Wait for framework outputs.
- g. Other members of the project team should assist with bespoke consultations. PC/DC to review list and confirm.
- h. Await first draft strategic layout and actions before presenting/discussing with land managers.

5. Consultation meetings held:

- a. CLOAF
- b. CNPA Board
- c. Cycling Scotland
- d. FCS
- e. Highland Council Access Staff
- f. HITRANS
- g. Inclusive Cairngorms
- h. RSPB
- i. Sport Scotland
- j. SUSTRANS

6. Conferences attended

- a. Physical Activity and Health Alliance Conference, Making the Environment ‘Fit 14’, Edinburgh 24th April 2014.

Next stages

1. Bespoke consultation with key public/private stakeholders.
2. Agree visitor monitoring requirements and responsibilities.
3. Agree mapping/spatial requirements.
4. First draft report to be ready by end October 2014.
5. Bespoke consultation with key land managers/estates.
6. CLOAF/CNPA Board consultation on draft.
7. Public consultation.
8. Review and amend.
9. Adoption Spring 2015.

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Appendix A: Active Cairngorms Draft Strategic Structure

