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<p>I Supporting business</p>	<p>Ia Economic Forum, Economic strategy development and implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Forum met twice to steer the development of the Economic Strategy. • A review of the Economic Health of the Park was undertaken. • The Economic Strategy was completed and was approved by the CNPA Board and CBP Board. • Executive Group of officers has been established to co-ordinate work on implantation – awaiting CBP appointment of Chief Executive <p>Ib Skills and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBP, Visit Deeside and Business Gateway continue to deliver training for businesses • Business Support Group is assessing how to meet needs in Badenoch and Strathspey. <p>Ic Food and drink development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairngorms Food for Life project completed • Community Orchards project and a successful ‘Hens in Schools’ project completed. • The Cairngorms Food and Drink Trail was launched. • The ‘Best of the Wurst’ Beer and Sausage celebration of local produce was held in Grantown on Spey. • Royal Deeside Food and Fiddle Fortnight festival continues to grow. <p>Id Growing the Cairngorms Business Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CBP’s Business Barometer has shown continued growth in business confidence in the Park. • CBP membership continued to grow (from 288 in August 2013 to 358 to August 2014)
<p>2 Infrastructure & communications improvements</p>	<p>2a Improving IT and mobile communications connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT Openreach providing help for some developers to include superfast fibre broadband in new developments. • Telecoms provider EE’s network went 3G in the Park. • Badenoch Broadband and Communications based at Laggan reached its 100th connection in August 2014. • Digital Scotland programme to improve broadband availability continues to plan for future. • BT Openreach has stated plans to provide fibre Broadband to Aviemore, Grantown on Spey and Tomintoul in 2015. • Planning applications submitted for fibre Broadband infrastructure in Ballater, Braemar, Kingussie and Nethy Bridge. • Tomintoul & Glenlivet Community Trust have installed a broadband test link at the Braes of Glenlivet Hall.

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	<p>2b Improving access to housing for local needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of communities in the Park have investigated potential for community-led housing developments – eg. Ballater Old School • Significant planning applications have been approved/ completed with affordable housing in Kingussie, Aviemore, Boat of Garten, Ballater • Survey of local needs complete in Braemar.
3 Low Carbon Cairngorms	<p>3a Renewable Energy Generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of private individuals, estates and communities continue to progress renewable energy project proposals in the Park. <p>3b Low Carbon Living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Energy Scotland continues to provide best-practice advice and up to date information on grants available to households. • Greener Scotland website promoting green living and signposting information advice and funding opportunities. <p>3c Low Carbon Land Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 peatland projects are under way, funded by the Peatland Action Programme, bringing £300k capital funds to peatland restoration in the Park.
4 Community Empowerment	<p>4a Community action planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Plan for Blair Atholl now developed. • Boat of Garten CAP reviewed and updated • Work in Strathdon to develop a Community Action Plan under way • LEADER LAG continue to bid for new LEADER Programme from 2015. <p>4b Community capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New approach to CNPA d funding approved and Memorandums of Understanding in place with Marr Area Partnership and Voluntary Action Badenoch and Strathspey • Strengthening Communities project ends in March 2015. Significant training has been provided and SC has supported the formation of community companies in all the main villages in Badenoch & Strathspey as well as ‘Team Towns’ and ‘Team Badenoch’ initiatives. • Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust – see 5c below
5 Building vibrant places	<p>5a Planning the best development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive report from Scottish Government Reporter’s Unit • Local Development Plan to be adopted March 2015. <p>5b Delivering the most effective Planning Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All DM and Policy planners now located in Grantown and all vacancies to be filled by end of March 2015 • CNPA Planning Service introduced range of procedures to improve quality and speed of Development Management service.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring and strengthening of CNPA Planning Team continued. • Developers Forum, Community Council/Association Planning Network working well and improving communication with Planning Service. <p>5c Supporting the regeneration of Tomintoul and Glenlivet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transform Team has reconvened to review and reprioritise the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan • The Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust (TGDT) took over operation of Tomintoul visitor information centre from Moray Council and VisitScotland and continued to generating income through events and from operation of Smugglers Hostel in Tomintoul. • Tomintoul Gateway project completed. • The Tomintoul and Glenlivet Landscape Partnership has successfully completed Stage 1 of a Heritage Lottery Fund bid. Stage 2 to be submitted by May 2016. <p>5d Quality in Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic routes winning design announced and implementation underway at Corgarff. <p>5e Townscape Enhancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Area Appraisals delayed by need to shift resources. • Funding in place from Scottish Government for town centre improvement pilot • Highland Council undertaking significant improvements, modifications and refurbishment of Kingussie Court House.
6 Nature and Landscapes	<p>6a Wildlife Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairngorms Nature Action Plan being delivered throughout year. The Cairngorms Nature Seminar will take place 23 April and the Cairngorms Nature Festival will take place 16 & 17 May. • The Cairngorms National Park is piloting approaches to spatial targeting of SRDP agri-environment funds for habitat expansion and creation. A premium payment for woodland creation priorities identified in the Capercaillie Framework is now available through SRDP. • Capercaillie Framework phase 1 completed and project team developing project plan for phase 2. • Significant woodland expansion schemes have been developed across the Park. • 3 of Scotland's 6 Wildcat priority for action areas announced are identified in the Cairngorms. • Issues of raptor persecution and conservation are being addressed through a new moorland management partnership. • Woodland Trust Ancient Woodland project being delivered in the Park.

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	<p>6b Cairngorms Landscapes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cairngorms Landscape Toolkit continues to be used, including by developers, to inform development proposals. • Tomintoul and Glenlivet Landscape Partnership application stage I approved in 2014 for total project investment of £3.6M. • Landscape monitoring pilot “photo-posts” project ready for launch at the 2015 Cairngorms Nature Festival. <p>6c Designated Sites Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint-Agency Working on priority (Section 7) deer sites continues. • More co-ordinated approach to deer management groups and planning is developing.
7 Supporting Land Management	<p>7a Land Management Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steady uptake of the 30% grant available from the Cairngorms Land Management Training Project for rural skills training courses from April 2014. • Approx. 70 rural skills training courses attended by land managers and subsidised by 30% by CNPA. • 7 public benefit training courses (on e.g. farm woodlands, landscape and language) provided by CNPA attended by over 150 people. <p>7b Advice and Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNH, FCS, SEPA and CNPA working to join up advice to land managers and targeting for SRDP opportunities. • Monitor farm in Strathdon now completed, partners support establishing a new monitor farm in Strathspey. • Wildfire groups continue to be supported • Strathspey Wetlands and Waders Initiative supported and providing specific habitat improvements • Farm audits progressed to help agents develop good SRDP applications. • Targeted advice provided to estates on opportunities to deliver Cairngorms Nature priorities. • Estate management statements piloted and in further development with land owners. • New moorland management partnership developing centred in Deeside. <p>7c Wildlife Estates Scotland Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wildlife Estates Scotland initiative continues to grow, 6 Level One members and 8 Level Two members in the CNP. <p>7d Catchment Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment management partnerships (Dee, Spey and South Esk) remain highly active, each now developing and delivering river restoration projects. • Pearls in Peril project on upper River Dee creating new woodland

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	enclosures in key locations.
8 Leading Sustainable Tourism	<p>8a Implementing the strategy and action plan for sustainable tourism in the Cairngorms National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairngorms Tourism Partnership relaunched and Action Plan reviewed • Visitor survey under way and due to be complete in June – interim results encouraging • Marketing workshop with businesses held and plans in place for World Host roll-out across Park <p>8b Cairngorm Rothiemurchus and Glenmore Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New public body partnership and project team in place developing Cairngorm and Glenmore Strategy with public consultation scheduled for 2015. • Forestry Commission Scotland and CNPA have developed draft Visitor Improvement Plan for FCS land holding at Glenmore. Further public consultation scheduled for 2015. • Natural Retreats preparing new plans for the infrastructure at CairnGorm Mountain with first drafts due spring 2015.
9 Active Cairngorms	<p>9a Delivering and reviewing the Cairngorms National Park Outdoor Access Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Cairngorms Strategy at public consultation. • Revised Core Paths Plan before Board for approval in March 2015. <p>9b Promoting active enjoyment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Cairngorms Strategy will promote active enjoyment of the Park. • Construction of Speyside Way extension to Kincaig scheduled for completion by Easter 2015. <p>9c Developing cycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2 year post joint funded with Sustrans to help deliver the Cycling Action Plan. • Kingussie awarded Cycle Friendly Town grant. • Speyside Way Extension developed for cycle use. • NCN7 being extended along new section of A9 at Kincaig. • Discussions with Sustrans ongoing about developing a NCN along Spey/Speyside Way. • Cairngorms Electric Bike project continues. • Laggan Wolftrax Centre due to open Easter 2015.
10 Outdoor learning	<p>10a Using National Parks in the Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation4/5 and Higher Geography curriculum material developed. <p>10b Learning from the Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Junior Ranger Project continues to operate in Highland, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Perth and Kinross with 6 secondary schools involved. • The John Muir Award continues to grow with 25,000 Award in

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	<p>CNP due later this year.</p> <p>10c Volunteering to Support Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to increase volunteering opportunities under development.
<p>11 Sharing the Stories</p>	<p>11a Coordination, training and support for visitor managers/communicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Make it Yours' presentation and support material now being trialled by CNPA. • CNPA and partners investigating value of developing World Host training. • Communicating Cairngorms business toolkit has been developed and ready for launch. <p>11b Developing and delivering inspiring campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairngorms Nature campaign and BBC Winter Watch filmed at Mar Lodge has resulted in a significant increase in publicity and feature articles planned for the spring to promote Cairngorms Nature and the Cairngorms Nature Festival 16 & 17 May. • Materials to support the Make It Yours campaign have been produced and a schedule of 10 events with visitor facing organisations will be delivered by the end of March 2015. Materials will also be used with partner organisations, schools as part of the Curriculum for Excellence programme and on our new website. <p>11c Community Heritage Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has succeeded in engaging local communities in their built and natural heritage in the Badenoch area, and has focussed interest and enthusiasm in a number of community-led projects for the future. The same approach is included in the Landscape Partnership proposals for Tomintoul and Glenlivet. <p>11b Experiencing National Nature Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The visitor centres at Nethy Bridge (Abernethy and Dell Wood NNR) due to open Easter 2015.
<p>12 Visitor and access infrastructure</p>	<p>12a Management of core paths and outdoor access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Core Paths Plan approved by Ministers with direction to adopt. • Speyside Way extension from Aviemore to Kincaig under construction. <p>12b Maintaining and improving high quality visitor facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor facilities at Glenmore and Nethy Bridge refurbished. • Laggan mountain bike visitor hub under construction • Glenmore Visitor Improvement Plan in development <p>12c Scotland's National Parks Mountain Paths Restoration Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 proposal submitted to HLF for approval; project ready for 2015 start.