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## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

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### FOR DISCUSSION

**Title: STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE**

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#### **Purpose**

This paper presents an update on the Authority's strategic risk management and a commentary on management's review of action taken and current risk status. The paper also supports a discussion on the risk management approach to be taken around the management of the current Coronavirus pandemic.

#### **Recommendations**

**The Audit & Risk Committee is asked to:**

- a) **Consider the update presented on the Authority's Strategic Risk Register.**
- b) **Consider whether members have any further updates which should be incorporated into the Strategic Risk Register, including any additional risks not currently incorporated.**
- c) **Agree that the Director of Corporate Services should develop a draft risk register around management of the current Coronavirus and circulate that to the Committee for consideration.**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. The Authority's Strategic Risk Register covering the delivery of the 2018 to 2022 Corporate Plan was adopted by the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting in May 2019 and subsequently by the Board at its June 2019 meeting. As agreed by the Board, the Strategic Risk Register is regularly reviewed by senior management, to consider the appropriateness of the coverage of the risk register and to consider action being taken to manage and mitigate risk. The risk register was last considered by Board review in December 2019, and the results of the review are set out at Annex I to this paper.
2. The Annex specifies senior managers responsible for the management of each risk, together with a brief commentary on the management actions being taken to mitigate the risk. An indication is given as to whether the extent of the risk identified is assessed as escalating, broadly maintaining its risk level, or declining following action taken or wider environmental changes.
3. The update set out in Annex I to this paper was developed in February 2020, prior to the rapid escalation of public policy and business continuity responses to the current

coronavirus pandemic. In considering the approach to be taken in managing risks posed by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Committee is invited to agree that the Director of Corporate Services should develop a specific risk register around the authority's management of the Coronavirus pandemic and circulate that to the Committee for consideration. The Committee is invited at this point to highlight any key risks members feel should be covered in development of that risk register.

4. There is also a need to maintain awareness of wider strategic risk management. The Committee is invited to review the update on the management of the Authority's strategic risks, and to consider whether any further updates or comments require to be incorporated at this stage.

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