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## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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### FOR INFORMATION

**Title: CAIRNGORM & GLENMORE PARTNERSHIP –  
PROGRESS UPDATE**

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#### **Purpose**

To update members on progress in developing a long term masterplan for Cairngorm and Glenmore.

#### **Recommendations**

**That the Board note progress and ongoing engagement programme.**

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### Background

1. In March, the Board endorsed the Partnership Agreement between CNPA, HIE, FCS, SNH and The Highland Council which commits to collaborating on the strategic management of publicly owned land at Cairngorm and Glenmore.
2. The Partnership Agreement commits to developing a masterplan looking 20 years ahead that will enhance the visitor experience, conservation and transport delivery.

### Progress

#### **Partnership development**

- a) The partnership project team has met to begin work on the overall masterplan which will incorporate the work started at Glenmore;
- b) The recent acquisition by FCS of Upper Rothiemurchus extends the area to be considered within the Partnership;
- c) The masterplan will address the overall management approach including:
  - i. Rangers, recreation management, behaviour messages and outdoor learning;
  - ii. Visitor facilities, infrastructure, access and routes;
  - iii. Transport, car parking, signage and arrival;
  - iv. Conservation and land management.
- d) We have held initial and positive discussions with Natural Retreats about the master-planning approach and the company will be part of the project team following their start date.

#### **Glenmore masterplan**

- a) The joint FCS and CNPA team has developed a proposed masterplan for Glenmore as a basis for engaging wider interests in the area, specifically community and business groups as well as neighbouring land holdings. See proposed masterplan at Annex I.
- b) This is a first step towards the overall masterplan. We will continue to develop the workstreams identified here, while extending the plan to cover the full FCS holding and Cairngorm Estate.
- c) The proposed masterplan identifies the key role of Glenmore within the wider context as a day visitor destination, being a setting-off point 'on the edge of wildness'.
- d) It identifies six workstreams to take forward addressing:
  - i. Arrival
  - ii. Visitor hub
  - iii. Paths and routes
  - iv. Car parking
  - v. Views and setting
  - vi. Accommodation

## Next Steps

3. The project team will take forward the masterplan drawing on expertise from across the partners and specialist input as required.
4. Throughout the development of the masterplan, we will engage directly with those with an interest including:
  - a) Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council
  - b) Business groups including CBP and Aviemore Business Association
  - c) Direct discussions with neighbouring land holdings and businesses
  - d) Partners in the Cairngorm, Rothiemurchus and Glenmore Group

In addition the partners will hold a number of open public events on site at key stages for feedback on the developing plans.

5. The Partnership Board will meet at least once a year to review progress and sign off key decisions, the next meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

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