

## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

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### FOR DECISION

**Title: INTERNAL AUDIT: LEADER REVIEW**

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### **Purpose**

This paper presents the review of the Cairngorms LEADER Programme administration and the Cairngorms NPA's compliance with the terms of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) agreed with Scottish Government. The review has been undertaken as part of the agreed Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22.

### **Recommendations**

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

- a) Consider the internal auditors report and findings;**
- b) Endorse the management responses to recommendations for future action and system improvements.**

### **Executive Summary**

1. Azets have undertaken a review of the Authority's administration of the Cairngorms LEADER Programme and compliance with the SLA agreed between the Cairngorms NPA and Scottish Government. The internal audit report is presented in full at Annex I to this paper.
2. Four recommendations for improvement actions are raised, all of which have been accepted by management. Responses to recommendations outlining future action to be taken, officers responsible and timetable for action have been set out in the report at Annex I. Two recommendations are assessed to have limited risk exposure, while two have moderate risk exposure.
3. The report helpfully identifies cross-over from our LEADER administration into wider control areas associated with Data and Records Management and project / programme management controls.

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