

**CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**FOR DECISION**

**Title:                   RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED  
EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS**

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**Purpose**

To summarise expenditure that has been approved by the Finance Committee since their last meeting on 21 September 2007.

**Recommendations**

This expenditure, having been approved by the full Finance Committee, appears here as a matter of record only. Members are asked to approve this paper as a formal note of the decision taken.

**Executive Summary**

- a) At the September 2006 meeting the Finance Committee approved a change to the approval process whereby expenditure between £10,000 and £24,999 is approved by its Convener, together with the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services outwith the normal quarterly Committee meetings. Any expenditure approved in this way is reported to the next full Committee meeting.
  - b) Expenditure between £25,000 and £49,999 has to be approved by a quorate meeting of Finance Committee members. This expenditure, having been approved by the full Finance Committee, appears here as a matter of record only.
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**Proposals Previously Agreed by the Finance Committee Convener, Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services**

1. Since the Finance Committee meeting on 21 September 2007 the following expenditure plans have been approved by the Finance Committee Convener, the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Services in line with the two-tier approval process agreed at the September 2006 meeting:

	Expenditure	Head of Group	Date circulated	£'000	Approval received
(a)	Wildness in the CNP	NHLM	17 Oct	20	Yes
(b)	Cairngorms Explorer	A. Harper	17 Oct	21	Yes
(c)	Media profile	F. van Buuren	25 Oct	10	Yes
(d)	Park Life	F. van Buuren	25 Oct	13	Yes
(e)	Publications	F. van Buuren	25 Oct	20	Yes
(f)	Stakeholder engagement	F. van Buuren	25 Oct	21	Yes
(g)	Interim funding for <b>Ranger Service</b>	M. Ferguson	16 Nov	12	Yes
(h)	<b>Path signing</b> and waymarking	M. Ferguson	16 Nov	10	Yes
(i)	Tourist <b>signs</b>	M. Ferguson	16 Nov	12	Yes

**Proposals Previously Agreed by a quorate meeting of the Finance Committee**

2. Discussions between Finance Committee members took place before the Planning Committee on October 19 where approval was given for the following spend:

	Expenditure	Head of Group	Date circulated	£'000	Approval received
(a)	Web portal	A. Harper	17 Oct	27	Yes

3. This item of expenditure related to the design of a web portal which has been put out to tender. In order to meet the National Park aims, a range of high quality web content is needed that is easy to access, informs people about the special qualities of this area and is integrated with existing visitor, community and business websites.

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