

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DISCUSSION

**Title: NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIP PLAN PROGRESS
2018/19**

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Purpose

The National Park Partnership Plan is the strategic plan for the National Park that all public bodies must have regard to in their work in the Park. It can be found [here](#). The Plan:

- a) Sets out the vision and overarching strategy for managing the Cairngorms National Park;
- b) Guides the work of all public bodies and other partners to deliver the aims of the Park;
- c) Provides the strategic context for the Local Development Plan;
- d) Sets out the regional land use framework for the Park;
- e) Provides the strategic context for managing the Park as a sustainable tourism destination; and
- f) Shows how the Park will contribute to the Scottish Government's core purpose and national outcomes.

Each year the CNPA and its partners look at what progress has been made against the actions and targets. The report for 2018/19 will be launched publicly on the day of the Board meeting. [A link to the progress report will be sent to members.](#)

As part of the Board meeting five partners have been asked to come and explain the work that they do in the Park, what they have contributed to the delivery of the NPPP in the last year and future plans. The five are Scottish Natural Heritage, Highland & Islands Enterprise, Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Forestry and VisitScotland.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- i. **Note the progress in 2018/19 and to identify any areas for priority work across the Partnership in the year ahead.**

Strategic Policy Considerations

1. There has been significant progress across the agendas for action in the NPPP and the report highlights progress against the indicators in the NPPP. The Board should consider whether progress is being made at the pace that will enable the actions in the NPPP to be delivered by 2022 and where the partnership needs to prioritise work in the coming years.
2. The context in which the NPPP is delivered also changes. The National Performance Framework guides the work of all public bodies in Scotland and has been recently updated. The recent climate change and biodiversity emergency announced by Scottish Government will have a profound impact on the work of the Authority and partners within the Park. This will specifically impact on issues, such as, peatland restoration, woodland expansion and flood management. We will work closely with environment and forestry colleagues in Scottish Government to look at our contribution to this as a National Park.
3. In 2019 there are also two further reviews that will impact on work in the Park and the work of partners. These are the Grouse Management Review and the Deer Management Review.

Strategic Risk Management

1. The main strategic risk for the NPPP is around resources:
2. **AI:** Resources – are there enough financial and people resources to deliver the NPPP by 2022? At present NPPP delivery is on track but there is a need to continue to leverage in significant funds and to ensure that partners are delivering within the Park. The annual monitoring that the CNPA carry out on delivery should mitigate this risk and highlight areas where more effort is needed.

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