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## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINANCE & DELIVERY COMMITTEE

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### FOR DISCUSSION

**Title: FINAL ACCOUNTS 2019/20 DRAFT OUTTURN  
POSITION TO EXTERNAL AUDIT**

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### **Purpose**

This paper presents a summary overview of the draft financial outturn position for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 as presented to the external auditors. The paper presents the headline position on the Authority's utilisation of grant in aid made available by Scottish Government for the 2019/20 financial year. The position reported in this paper remains subject to external audit review and may therefore be amended prior to finalisation and signature of the accounts.

### **Recommendations**

**The Finance & Delivery Committee is requested to:**

- a) Note the provisional outturn position for expenditure against Grant in Aid allocations presented in this paper;
- b) Consider whether any financial or governance issues arise from information presented in this paper.

### **2019/20 Draft Outturn Position**

1. The Authority prepares its budgets with a focus on our utilisation of grant in aid made available for each financial year by Scottish Government through Grant in Aid (GIA) covering revenue and capital expenditure. Budgets agreed by the Board and monitored by the Finance and Delivery Committee through each year focus on the deployment of the Authority's resources. Additional income received from third parties in support of specific project activities is accounted for separately, as other income, and added to gross project income and expenditure in the Authority's management accounts.
2. Therefore, a key focus of our final accounts reporting is on our utilisation of Scottish Government GIA each year. The Finance Team have now closed the 2019/20 accounts and prepared a full set of draft final accounts for external audit. External audit commenced at the end of April.

3. The summary of our utilisation of GIA available to the Authority in 2019/20, which is included as part of our final accounts report, is set out in Table One.

Table One: Draft 2019/20 Grant In Aid Use Compared with Final Allocations

	Resource	Cash Capital	Total	Non- Cash	Total
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
<b>Budget</b>					
Original allocation	4,565	240	<b>4,805</b>	150	<b>4,955</b>
Supplemental allocation	162	-	<b>162</b>	-	<b>162</b>
	<b>4,727</b>	240	<b>4,967</b>	150	<b>5,117</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Net resource expenditure	4,722	-	<b>4,722</b>	-	<b>4,722</b>
Capital grants		175	<b>175</b>	-	<b>175</b>
Non-current assets bought	-	65	<b>65</b>	-	<b>65</b>
Depreciation	-	-	-	149	<b>149</b>
	<b>4,722</b>	240	<b>4,962</b>	149	<b>5,711</b>
<b>Outturn</b> [underspend]	[5]	0	<b>[5]</b>	[1]	<b>[6]</b>

4. As illustrated in Table One, our draft final accounts show a small underspend in the year of £5k revenue (resource GIA) and a full utilisation of capital GIA. This represents an underspend of around 0.1% of allocation.
5. For consolidated whole government accounting purposes, the Authority also has to operate within an allocated limit of non-cash accounting charges, such as those for depreciation of non-current assets and provisions. Our draft accounts show an under-utilisation of these provisions of £1k of the £150k allocation.
6. In general terms, the Authority's draft final accounts for 2019/20 therefore come very close to full utilisation of the GIA allocations made available for the year, and well within the key performance indicator target of expenditure for the year within +1% and -2% of break even.

### Next Steps

7. The Authority's Finance Manager and finance team continue to liaise with Grant Thornton, our external auditors, on the audit of the accounts. A more detailed update of the analysis of total income and expenditure position for 2019/20 will be presented to the Committee as this process becomes more finalised, with any significant variation from the summary position presented here reported in the interim to the Committee.
8. We will also continue to work with the Audit and Risk Committee on the specific subject of the progress of the audit work and finalisation of the annual accounts. The original plan for accounts and audit sign off by mid June will slip as a result of

COVID19 operating restrictions. We are working closely with auditors to ensure any delay in the final accounts process is minimised.

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