**DRAFT Terms of Reference**

**Cairngorms Agricultural Advisory Group (CAAG)**

The Cairngorms Agricultural Advisory Group (CAAG) was established in 2024 and draws its membership from farmer and crofters, organisations and groups which have an interest in agricultural issues in the Cairngorms National Park

Meetings are held 2 to 3 times a year, depending on the level of business to discuss, and will be chaired by a Cairngorms National Park Authority Board Member, with the Park Authority providing secretariat support.

Its main functions are:

* To act as a line of communication between the Park Authority staff and Board and representatives of the farming and crofting organisations and businesses in the National Park.
* To provide advice and guidance to the Park Authority on agricultural issues in the National Park.
* To support collaboration and effective delivery of projects associated with delivery of the National Park Partnership Plan.
* Foster and facilitate an exemplar of good practice engagement with the farming and crofting community.

CAAG membership is drawn from the farming and crifting community in the National Park and a range of organisations and groups which have an interest in agricultural issues. Other invited specialists may be asked to join specific meetings.

Membership as at (17/04/24)

Cairngorms National Park Authority

Cairngorms Crofting and Farming Community

National Farmers Union Scotland

Pasture for Life

Scottish Crofting Federation

Quality Meat Scotland

Scottish Agricultural College

Crown Estate Tenants’ Association (tbc)

Individual farmers and crofters from different regions and farming models across the whole Park (tbc)