

National Park Authority Board Meeting



Special Board Meeting – Your Park & Live Park

Paper for decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report requests Member's agreement to hold a Special Board Meeting on Monday 27th April 2015 to consider (a) the outcomes of a consultation on the 'Your Park' camping management proposals; and (b) the 'Live Park' proposed Local Development Plan for public consultation.
- 1.2 This paper explains the background to the application and the context within which this decision requires to be taken.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the arrangement of a Special National Park Board Meeting to be held on Monday 27th April 2015 to consider (a) the outcomes of a consultation on the 'Your Park' camping management proposals; and (b) the 'Live Park' proposed Local Development Plan and accompanying documents for public consultation.

3. Background – 'Your Park' Proposals

- 3.1 On 6th October 2014 Members approved the 'Your Park' consultation proposals and agreed to progress with a 12 week public consultation to take place between 13 October 2014 and 12 January 2015. This included a statutory consultation on the proposed camping management byelaws under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000.
- 3.2 Further background to the 'Your Park' camping management proposals was provided to Members in the papers for the Board Meeting on 6th October 2014, which are available on our website.
- 3.3 Responses to the public consultation are currently being reviewed by the project team and the outcomes will be reported to Members at the Special Board Meeting, along with any recommendations for amended camping management proposals.

4. Background – 'Live Park' Proposals

- 4.1 The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, requires Councils and National Park Authorities to prepare a development plan for their area. These plans must be updated every five years. The

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Park Authority therefore has a statutory obligation to produce a Local Development Plan.

- 4.2 The new Local Development Plan will replace the current Local Plan and will cover the period from 2017 to 2022. It will have a different format from the current Local Plan, due to changes in the legislation. However, the purpose and use of the Local Development Plan will remain the same.
- 4.3 The Proposed Local Development Plan for public consultation follows on from the Main Issues Report which has previously been presented to Members and consulted upon. The next stage in the process will be for the Park Authority to present the document for public consultation to the Board.

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