

National Park Authority Board Meeting

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2017/18 Final Budget



Paper for information

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the final budget for 2017/18.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that members note the information contained within this report and **Appendix 1**.

3. Context

3.1 This budget incorporates the changes required to manage operating and project expenditure across financial years. This was approved by the Board in March 2017 and the changes are in line with those highlighted in the Board paper presented.

4. Overview

4.1 The budget remains balanced and details of all changes are shown in Appendix 1. The main changes are:

- Salaries have been adjusted to reduce the amount being treated as capitalised to projects to assist in funding the Gateway project work in 2017/18 and a small increase of £14.2k has reduced the risk inherent in the salary budget. The budget continues to include a salary savings target of £120k in the year.
- Other Operating Costs have decreased by £31.6k as a result of 2016/17 year end management which has reduced the expenditure required in 2017/18.
- Project Expenditure has reduced by £7.6k:
 - Capital projects increase of £9.4k arising from the impact of adding in the Gateway project budget offset by reducing the Mountains & The People budget and capitalised salaries
 - Revenue project costs reduction of £17k because we were able to fund some work in 2016/17 instead of 2017/18.

5. Gateway Project Income

5.1 In the budget presented we are recognising ~£120k of income in relation to the Gateway Centre project which in reality will not be accounted for in this way. This relates to the £175k reverse lease premium received and the presentation of this is to be agreed with Scottish Government Finance.

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- 5.2 The actual results for the year will likely show ~£120k overspend arising from this accounting treatment however we do not expect this to be treated by Scottish Government as a budget overspend because we have received the cash.

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