

National Park Authority Board Meeting

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Annual Operational Plan Progress Report



Paper for information

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This is the third report of the year on the progress of Operational Plan objectives. The Health and Safety annual update is the supplementary report topic.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are asked to **note** the contents of this report.

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan and Our 5-Year Plan

- 3.1. The structure of the progress report is based around the 2018-19 Annual Operational Plan approved by the Board in March 2018. The Annual Operational Plan objectives were aligned with the 2018-2023 National Park Partnership Plan. The performance report continues to articulate progress towards these National Park Partnership Plan Priority Activities and the Indicators of Success.

4. Headlines

- 4.1. This report covers progress to February 2019. The majority of activities are progressing in line with expectations. Over the last few months since the previous report there has been a focus on:

- Continuing with delivering the programme of activities to engage Young People in the National Park as part of Year of Young People 2018. Representatives from the Youth Committee will be attending part of the March Board meeting.
- Completion of the new campsite at Loch Achray (which opened to the public in March 2019) and addressing the challenges of providing a reliable water supply at Loch Chon and reopening the toilets at Firkin Point.
- The Year 1 delivery of Callander's Landscape
- Appointment of our first Litter Prevention Manager and commencement of the planning the delivery of Our 5-Year Plan Priority 1: Litter
- Preparing for the start of Your Park Year 3.
- As will be evident from the suite of papers being presented to the March Board, progress on Priority 7: Policy-making is significant; Wild Park, Trees and Woodland Strategy, Camping Development Framework.
- The consultation on the Core Paths Plan and planning for the review of the Outdoor Recreation Plan is well underway.
- Securing Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund support for West Loch Lomond tourism infrastructure developments, Falls of Leny, as part of Callander's

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Landscape and submitting another bid for East Loch Lomond tourism infrastructure developments.

- Handling of multiple, major and significant planning applications.
- Securing Cyber Essentials Plus for the second year.

4.2. There are currently no projects anticipated to be “At Risk” or “Cancelled/Postponed” although there are some elements of an activity that may not be achieved, i.e. Car Park Charging project.

4.3. The Delivery Group received more detailed reports on priority projects. The Delivery Group considered updates on the following priority projects:

- Callander’s Landscape
- Camping Development Strategy
- Litter
- Car Park Charging

and received a verbal update on the progress of the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Projects that will, going forwards, also be reported as a priority project.

5. Conclusion

5.1. Excellent progress has been made over the last few months to deliver the Annual Operational Plan.

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