# National Park Authority Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 7

# **Independent Assurance Review of the Environmental Monitoring Framework**



#### Paper for information

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the recent internal audit undertaken by our Internal Auditors, West Dunbartonshire Council, on the independent assurance review of the environmental monitoring framework.

## 2. Recommendation

Members are asked to note this report.

## 3. Contribution to Our 5 Year Plan

This contributes towards the delivery of Our 5 Year Plan by ensuring that we improve the processes we use to achieve our aims and objectives following robust and regular reviews by Internal Audit.

# 4. <u>Internal Audit Plan</u>

The remaining two audits under the Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20 were completed this quarter. The audit on the independent assurance review of the environmental monitoring framework was completed and our internal auditors concluded that the systems examined are "generally working effectively".

Two audit findings were identified, with three recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1. Two recommendations were rated as medium risk and one as low risk. The medium recommendations are planned to be implemented by the end of March 2020.

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