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Paper for information

1. <u>Introduction</u>

- 1.1 This paper reports on our progress against the 2020/21 Annual Operational Plan. Appendix 1 details progress on each deliverable within the plan.
- 1.2 The plan was updated at our June 2020 Board meeting to reflect the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, a new theme was added to the plan: 'Delivering and Facilitating a Safe Recovery and Reopening of the National Park'. We also identified which of the existing deliverables within the plan would be considered recovery priorities.

2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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

3.1. The Annual Operational Plan objectives are aligned with the 2018-2023 National Park Partnership Plan (NPPP) and relevant priorities from Our 5 Year (Corporate) Plan. The plan itself is a key part of ensuring we have delivery plans in place over the period of the NPPP and Our 5-Year Plan.

4. Progress Update

4.1. The table below summarises the progress of the 44 deliverables in the plan:

| | Recovery | Other | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| | priorities | deliverables | |
| Complete | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| On track | 10 | 14 | 25 |
| Behind schedule | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| Postponed to 2021/22 due to COVID-19 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Cancelled | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Total | 17 | 27 | 44 |

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- 4.2. We continue to concentrate our staff and resource allocation on the recovery priorities, and the Executive Team's focus also remains primarily on these items. As a result, most of the recovery priorities are progressing well.
- 4.3. Progress on the other deliverables is more mixed, reflecting the specific constraints that COVID-19 has put on our ability to deliver some items, as well as the need to divert resources to the recovery priorities.
- 5. <u>Carry-over items from the 2019/20 Annual Operational Plan</u>
 - 5.1. The Board received our final progress report on the 2019/20 Annual Operational Plan at its September 2020 Board meeting. In discussion, the Board requested an update on those items postponed from the 2019/20 plan but not specifically included in the 2020/21 plan. Appendix 2 contains this update. We do not propose that any of these items form part of future reporting unless they are adopted into the 2021/22 Annual Operational Plan. Individual items (eg Luss Visitor Centre, Core Paths Plan) will return to the Board for decision-making as required.

Appendix 1 - 2020/21 Annual Operational Plan Progress Report Appendix 2 - Update on 2019/20 Annual Operational Plan Carry-over items

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