



2021/22 Annual Operational Plan Progress Report

Agenda Item 9

National Park Authority Board Meeting
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1. Purpose

1.1. This paper provides our first progress report on the 2021/22 Annual Operational Plan. Appendix 1 details progress on each deliverable within the plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan and/or 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. All 36 items in the plan are on track.

4.2. It is early in the reporting year, and at the time of writing we are only approximately six weeks in. However, good progress has already been made across all the AOP themes, as explained in the detailed report.

5. Risks

- 5.1. Our positive budget outcome means there is a considerable amount we want to accomplish this year, as reflected in the plan. Our scoping on a number of delivery items is progressing and remains on track, but as this develops further it is likely to identify constraints and challenges. We are also identifying the existing and new resources needed in order to deliver key parts of the plan (eg staff, consultancy, external expertise) and these will take time to bring on board and be up and running, which could lead to delays in the future. To address this we are exploring a number of agile and flexible options including using new and existing procurement frameworks and short term staffing.

6. Next steps

- 6.1. We will provide a further update at the September Board meeting.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Annual Operational Plan 2020/21 – progress report

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