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Internal Audit Annual Report – 2020/21 Agenda Item 12

National Park Authority Audit & Risk Committee Meeting 7 September 2021

Paper for information

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1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of the report is to provide Members of the Audit & Risk Committee with an overview of the work of Internal Audit for the year ended 31 March 2021.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan and/or Our 5-year Plan

3.1. A sound system of internal control and governance arrangements assists the Park Authority in achieving its strategic objectives and 5-year Plan.

4. Background

4.1. Internal Audit is an independent appraisal function and its work is based on an annual audit plan which is prepared after a risk assessment of all potential audit issues identified by Internal Audit, Directors and the Audit & Risk Committee.

5. Annual Audit Opinion

5.1. Based on the audit work undertaken and the assurances provided by the Executive Team it is our opinion that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy

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and effectiveness of the governance and control environment which operated during 2020/21 within Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority.

6. Appendices

6.1. Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Annual Audit Report 2020/21.

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