



Scottish Government Framework Document

Agenda Item 6

National Park Authority Board

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1. Purpose

1.1. This paper sets out the proposed Framework Agreement between Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority and the Scottish Government.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. Member are asked to **agree the adoption of** the proposed Framework Agreement between Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, and the Scottish Government as set out in Appendix 1.

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

3.1. The Framework Document is a key part of ensuring that we have effective corporate governance in line with our statutory obligations in place over the period of the NPPP and Our 5-Year Plan.

4. Background

- 4.1. Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, as a non-departmental public body (NDPB), is required to have a Framework Document in place which summarises how the National Park Authority and the Scottish Government are required to work together.
- 4.2. This document will replace the Management Statement and Financial Memorandum (MSFM) which was last updated in 2010 and has governed the relationship between the Scottish Government and the National Park Authority up until now.
- 4.3. The creation and adoption of a Framework Documents for both of Scotland's National Parks was a stated priority for our Scottish Government Sponsor team for 2022-23.
- 4.4. The Framework Document is based on a standard model established by the Scottish Government's Public Bodies Unit. The duties, responsibilities and powers set out in it are not conferred by this document, but rather by the underlying documents and legislation referred to within it.
- 4.5. The Scottish Government model means that there is limited scope to make changes to the standard document. The proposed Framework Agreement at Appendix 1 has been updated to include appropriate references to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority's roles, responsibilities and governance structures and is considered an accurate reflection of those.

5. Next steps

- 5.1. If the Board agree to adopt the Framework Document, confirmation would be sent to the Scottish Government for the agreement to receive Ministerial approval in early 2024.
- 5.2. The agreed Framework Document should then be reviewed every 2-3 years.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Framework Agreement

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