

RECORD OF THE COUNCILS' SUPPORT FOR THE GALLOWAY NOMINATION

Dumfries & Galloway Council 30 January 2024

Economy and Resources Committee - Tuesday, 30th January, 2024 10.30 am

5. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION OF A NEW NATIONAL PARK IN GALLOWAY - REPORT BY DIRECTOR ECONOMY AND RESOURCES PDF 123 KB

Members are asked to:

- (1) Note that the Scottish Government's nominations process for a new national park in Scotland has commenced, as set out at paragraph 4.4;
- (2) Note that the proposed New National Park functions, governance and operational models are still being considered by the Scottish Government and the finalised framework to support the designation of a New National park is likely to be released in line with the closure of the nominations process;
- (3) Note the process under which a new national park for Scotland will be designated as summarised at paragraph 4.14 – 4.17, and within Background information to this report, which includes the further steps, processes and formal consultation which would be undertaken for any nomination taken forward by Scottish Ministers;
- (4) Acknowledge the work carried out by the Galloway National Park Association in campaigning for a new National Park in Galloway; and
- (5) Determine whether to support, in principle, the Association's proposed nomination for a new National Park to be designated in Galloway.

Minutes:

Decision

NOTED

- 5.1 that the Scottish Government's nominations process for a new national park in Scotland had commenced, as set out at paragraph 4.4 to the report;
- 5.2 that the proposed New National Park functions, governance and operational models were still being considered by the Scottish Government and the finalised framework to support the designation of a New National park was likely to be released in line with the closure of the nominations process;
- 5.3 the process under which a new national park for Scotland would be designated as summarised at paragraph 4.14 – 4.17 to the report, and within Background information to this report, which included the further steps, processes and formal consultation which would be undertaken for any nomination taken forward by Scottish Ministers;
- 5.4 THANKED and ACKNOWLEDGED the work carried out by the Galloway National Park Association in campaigning for a new National Park in Galloway; and
- 5.5 AGREED to support, in principle, the Association's proposed nomination for a new National Park to be designated in Galloway.

East Ayrshire Council 14 February 2024

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

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5. There was submitted a report dated 7 February 2024 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive which presented for support in principle, detail of a formal application by Galloway National Park Association (GNPA) to the Scottish Ministers for a National Park for Galloway, part of which lies within the East Ayrshire local authority area, part in South Ayrshire and the majority in Dumfries and Galloway.

Cabinet agreed:-

(i) to note that in 2018, East Ayrshire Council agreed to support, in principle, the campaign for a Galloway National Park;

(ii) to note that the Scottish Government's nominations process for a new national park in Scotland had commenced;

(iii) to note that the proposed New National Park functions, governance and operational models were still being considered by the Scottish Government and the finalised framework to support the designation of a New National Park was likely to be released in line with the closure of the nominations process;

(iv) to note that nominations for a National Park should be submitted to the Scottish Government by 29 February 2024 and that GNPA have asked the Council to reaffirm their support for their bid;

(v) support in principle of the bid to be submitted by GNPA for a Galloway National Park; and

(vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

South Ayrshire Council 14 February 2024

Agenda:

Agenda Item No. 11(a) South Ayrshire Council Report by Director of Strategic Change and Communities to Cabinet of 14 February 2024

Subject: Galloway Nomination for New National Park Status

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to provide support in principle for the proposed nomination developed by the Galloway National Park Association (GNPA) for a new national park in Galloway.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

2.1.1 supports, in principle, the Galloway National Park Association's nomination for a new National Park to be designated which includes areas of South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway Council areas (the deadline for nominations is 29 February 2024);

2.1.2 notes that the Scottish Government is still considering the new National Park function including arrangements for governance and operational models. The finalised framework to support the designation of a New National Park is not available at this time and it will likely be released in line with the closure of the nomination process;

2.1.3 requests a further report, if the GNPA nomination is successful, detailing any statutory, regulatory or financial implications which will be laid out by the new framework and the formal consultation undertaken by the Scottish Government Reporting Unit and NatureScot. South Ayrshire Council would retain the right to consider its position in regard to the regulatory and statutory implications of any proposals. This will be the subject of a future Cabinet paper, following the NatureScot formal consultation and decision to explore further work supporting a new National Park.

Decision: Agreed to support the bid of the Galloway National Park Association, on the terms set out above.