CNPA DISABILITY EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (December 2006 – December 2009) Update June 2009

Aim I – To promote equality of opportunity between disabled persons and others.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 09
Objective I CNPA staff and Board to be aware of disability issues and how they can promote equality	I. All staff and Board to be trained in awareness of disability issues and how to ensure accessibility to our services for those with disabilities	by end 2007, repeated at 2 year intervals. Build into induction programmes of new staff and Board	HR Manager/ Social Inc. Officer	Disability awareness training implemented attended by 50 staff and 3 Board members. Further training planned for new staff, and board members through 2008/09.	Recruitment of new HR manager has delayed training. But Training for Board and New staff planned for late 2009 into 2010.
Objective 2 Public and private meetings set up by CNPA should have the highest levels of accessibility possible for those with disabilities	 Guidance made available to all staff and external presenters on how to hold accessible meetings, Register built up of accessible venues in the Cairngorms area. 	1. Ongoing from 2006 2. By Dec 2007	1.Social Inclusion officer/ Communications officer 2. Admin Support	I. Template piloted and evaluated for Park for All conference in Nov 07. Guidance will be incorporated into Corporate Style Guidelines July 08. Register of venues and village halls held and kept up to date by CNPA Admin team.	I. Accessible meetings guidance included in Facilitator training workshops with all staff held in late 2008. Plan to put together pack for holding meetings by autumn 09, consulting with Inclusive Cairngorms
Objective 3 To develop a system for the impact assessment of CNPA policies and procedures to ensure that disability equality is considered in all policy development	 Developing Equality Impact assessment system in conjunction with GES and RES Action Plans Identify and prioritise CNPA policies and procedures for impact assessment based on consultation with Inclusive Cairngorms Group Evaluate guidance on completing Park for All section in Board papers (which will contribute 	 July 2007 Oct 2007. March 2008 April 2008 	Education & Inclusion Manager 3 Head of Strategy and Communications	 Training scheduled for July 08 involving staff from all CNPA groups, Inclusive Cairngorms and SNH. Prioritising will follow. Actual implementation of impact assessment pushed back due to complexities in getting it right (not fully appreciated when Action Plan was written) and to allow fuller involvement of Inclusive Cairngorms Group. Review of Board paper format 	I. 14 staff attended EqlA training in Jul and Oct 2008. 2. Priority policy areas identified by Inclusive Cairngorms in Jan 09 and EqlA process approved by Management Team in May 09. Two full EqlA completed for Core Paths Planning and recruitment policies.

	new policies) 4. Set out a timetable for review of high / medium / low priority policies and how regularly they should be reviewed thereafter: 5. Inclusive Cairngorms Group to be involved in impact assessment of policies to ensure that we understand things from the perspective of a wide mix of disabled people 6. Consultation with Inclusive Cairngorms over further areas of development to promote disability equality across all policy areas.	5. April 2007. 6. Ongoing throughout 2006-09		to be complete by Sept 08. This will include more detailed guidance on completing Park for All section to include equalities considerations. 4. Will follow IA training in July 08. 5. See I above 6. Inclusive Cairngorms have input into assessing accessibility of CNPA building and new reception area, and had a substantial input into the Park For All conference on Community Transport in October 2007. (Overall conference design, designed disability workshops, and informed pre conference information and evaluation of conference).	3. Review of Board Paper now planned for summer 09. 4. Meetings with Programme Managers in late June / July 09 to prioritise activities within Operational Plan and set Action Plan for EqlA. 5. see 2 above. Also sub-group of IC been formed to screen grant applications for equalities impacts. 6. Consulted IC re development of guidance on path signage, leaflets, Cairngorms Explorer, community engagement
Objective 5 CNPA to be able to demonstrate the effects of the National Park Plan delivery on disability equality	 Monitoring mechanisms to be built into the National Park Plan to ensure that disability equality is measured. 	December 07	Strategic Planning and Policy Officer	Monitoring mechanisms will be developed to impact assess the guiding principles in the Park Plan following the training in July 08. The CNPA's performance can be measured by the Corporate Plan, which includes outcomes related to the CNPA Equality Schemes	Monitoring and reporting is being done on Corp Plan.
Objective 6 To ensure that CNPA written communications are	 All CNPA materials should meet design specifications for legibility. All leaflets to be available in 	Ongoing through 2007.	Head of Strategy and Communications	All leaflets have been reviewed for legibility. Use of matt paper noted for future publications. New corporate typeface has	I. Delay with Corporate Style guidelines, but to be rolled out in summer 09.

appropriate for those	large print. Requests for	been adopted, and approved by
with disabilities	Braille and audio tapes will be	the Scottish Accessible
	accommodated.	Information Forum, as part of
	3. Staff will be trained in the use	Corporate Style Guidelines to
	of Plain English	be rolled out in July 08.
	4. CNPA to work towards	2. All CNPA Corporate leaflets are 2. In last 5 years, we
	producing all literature in	available in large print and audio have responded to four
	Plain English.	tape on request. Decision requests for large print.
		taken that Braille would only be
		provided if Audio tape was not
		a practical option due to cost
		implications. 3,4 Training for staff
		3,4. Guidance on use of Plain English planned for 2009/10.
		has been developed by the
		Comms team as part of staff
		induction.

Aim 2 – To eliminate unlawful discrimination.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I	Impact assessment of all new	Oct 07 – Apr 08		Delayed until July 08 (see	I. Priority areas have
To ensure that no	policies to be undertaken			Comments in Aim 1), due to	been identified for EqIA,
policies of CNPA	using the template developed			training availability.	2 x EqIA's complete and
create unlawful barriers	(see Aim 1)				ongoing from June 09.
for people with					Mechanisms to
disabilities					incorporate EqIA into
					new policy / project
					development include
					additional references in
					Board Papers, EJF's
					(Expenditure
					Justification Forms) and
					Project Management
					guidance, and screening
					by IC in the Grant
					Application process.
Objective 2	I. All recruitment, promotion,	 Ongoing from 	HR Manager	Done and ongoing. A full	I. Delay with publishing
To ensure that CNPA	resignations, training access,	Dec 06		report of the results of this will	on website due to

recruitment and employment policies are not discriminatory	disciplinary and grievance procedures are monitored in relation to disability equality. 2. Remedial action to be taken immediately should any policy be found to cause inequality. 3. Promote awareness of our current policies for dealing with bullying and harassment of staff. 4. Ensure current policies allow for the assessment of employment related incidents and any relation they may have to disability.	2. Review Oct 07 3. Ongoing from Dec 06 4. Review Oct 07		be published on our website at the same time as the Equality Schemes. In addition CNPA has recently signed up to the Positive About Disability "two ticks" symbol. 2. Reviews identified no remedial actions to be taken, except ensuring that job ads specify that application forms are available in other formats. 3. The staff Handbook contains full details about CNPA's policies in this area. It has been reinforced in training and will continue to be, and also forms part of the HR induction process for new staff. 4. This is now built into the processes and is reported on an annual basis. To date we have not had any incidents to	recruitment of new HR manager. IIP and Two Ticks will be included on letterheads in due course.
Objective 3 To ensure that CNPA buildings allow suitable access for those with physical disabilities (for staff and visitors)	 To conduct an audit of CNPA buildings for accessibility To consider areas for improvement To take action to improve areas according to affordability and value for money. To provide safety briefing at start of meetings covering fire exits, safety procedures 	1. Oct 07 2. Dec 07	Business Support Officer	report on. This objective refers to people with sensory or physical disabilities. I. Access Audit of CNPA main building undertaken by Capability Scotland. Inclusive Cairngorms to be involved in auditing Ballater office in summer 08. 2 & 3. Some recommendations have already been acted on, others are feeding into redesign of reception area, and other works are planned for early 2008. 4. This will be included in	I. Ballater office audited by Inclusive Cairngorms and recommendations implemented. 2,3. Hearing loop for new reception in place, portable infra red loop system being explored. 4. Guidance issued to staff at facilitation training, Nov-Dec 08, and will form part of

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	Accessible Meetings guidance to	Holding meetings pack.
	be issued to staff in July 2008.	

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Aim 3 - To eliminate harassment of disabled people that is related to their disability.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 09
Objective I For CNPA to be aware of any areas where current problems exist in relation to harassment	 Staff survey to be developed so that staff can comment anonymously on any current issues. Where issues are identified, solutions to be developed in consultation with Inclusive Cairngorms Group. 	I. Dec 07	HR Manager	I. We decided that a full staff survey would be the most appropriate way to survey staff on a full range of work issues, including all the main equalities strands. To allow development of a more comprehensive survey this was postponed to late 2008/ early '09. CNPA was awarded IIP status during 2008 and staff have already been interviewed extensively about their employer's general effectiveness. We preferred to delay the surveying to avoid survey fatigue among staff.	Equalities issues is now a standing item on Staff Consultative Forum agendas allowing all staff to comment anonymously, through their reps, on any issues. Staff survey deferred till Spring 2010 as staff consultative forum has decided to take forward Sunday Times 'best workplaces' review instead.
Objective 2 For staff and Board to have a good understanding of disability issues, legal requirements and best practice so that they can promote positive attitudes and challenge harassment if they come across it.	Training for staff and Board members to be provided on disability equality	I. Apr 08	HR Manager	Completed for 90% of staff – Further training for new joiners, other staff and Board members will be ongoing.	Training for Board and New staff planned for late 2009 into 2010.

Aim 4 - To promote positive attitudes towards people with disabilities

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I	Those staff and Board	I. April 08	HR Manager	I. Training programme 90%	
CNPA staff and Board	members whose work			complete.	
to be able to positively	involves influencing policy				

influence the policy areas of other organisations in relation to disability	areas which impact on disability equality will be trained in disability awareness and how to incorporate this	CNPA have influenced other organisations with respect to good practice in planning and holding accessible meetings.	Input at FCS Equality and Diversity workshop, Mar 09.
equality	into policy.	Plans to measure the impact of Inclusive Cairngorms on member organisations through Equality Impact Assessment. SNH staff regularly attend Inclusive Cairngorms meetings for information / advice to feed into their equalities work.	IC workshop held in Jan 09, identified ways to share best practice with member organisations including mechanisms to report back, links between members' and CNPA websites, and case study presentations at IC meetings. CNPA has joined NDPB Equality Forum to share information and explore collaborative working.

Aim 5 - To encourage participation by disabled people in public life.

Outcome		Action	Timescale	Accountable		Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I	1.	Inclusive Cairngorms Group	I. Dec 06 and on-	Education &	1.	Inclusive Cairngorms Group	Ia) IC Workshop in Jan
People with disabilities		to continue to provide advice	going	Inclusion Manager		continued to meet on a	has identified policy
are actively involved in		and information to help to				quarterly basis. A Development	areas of interest to IC.
advising CNPA on		shape future development of				Plan has been drafted to	b) EqIA process will
policy development		disability equality.	2. Dec 06 and			identify ways to raise their	involve consulting with
			ongoing			profile and usage within CNPA	IC where necessary.
	2.	CNPA to continue to				and within member	c) IC will be consulted
		support this group with				organisations.	in reviewing our DES
		secretariat support and				They have continued to raise	for Dec 09.
		regular contact				awareness of barriers and	2. CNPA continues to
						specific issues, have contributed	support IC.
						directly to the Core Paths Plan	3. Final report makes a
						and Outdoor Access provision,	number of
						resulting in an all abilities trail in	recommendations to
						the local woods, and a	overcome barriers to
						community needs initiative	engaging with the Park,
						consultation for access in and	many which we are
						around Grantown on Spey.	already doing. Others
					2.	CNPA has continued to support	will feed into review of
						the group with secretariat	DES in Dec 09.
						support and funding for running	<u>Other</u>
						costs.	CNPA is supporting
					3.	Joint Outreach Research	Equal Adventure festival
						project with Loch Lomond and	in Jul 09, an inclusive
						Trossachs NPA involving	team challenge event at
						disability pilot project which	Glenmore.
						will identify barriers to	
						accessing NPs and actions to	
						address them.	

Objective 2 To ensure that barriers do not exist for those with disabilities who wish to take part in CNPA Consultation exercises	All consultation exercises carried out by CNPA to follow the National Standards for Community Engagement drawn up by Communities Scotland – as far as possible within financial constraints.	I. Dec 06	Education and Inclusion Manager	I. Both Core Path Planning process and the Community Needs Initiative pilot in Grantown and Spey have followed the National Standards for Community Engagement, including targeting disabled people specifically for consultation	CNPA Board adopted a tailored version of NSCE in Sept 08. This will be included in 'Holding meetings' pack. Community Needs Initiative being rolled out across Badenoch and Strathspey, following NSCE and Community Action Planning Toolkit. IC meeting on Apr 09 discussed how to engage more effectively with equalities groups including people with disabilities. Education and Inclusion manager nominated as
Objective 3 CNPA public meetings will be accessible to those with disabilities	All CNPA public meetings will be held in buildings which are accessible to wheelchair users unless this is absolutely unavoidable. Notices of public meetings will invite people to contact CNPA in advance to discuss any special requirements Hearing loop facilities will be provided at public meetings.	Dec 06 and ongoing.	Board Support and Secretariat	Public meetings are held in buildings which are accessible unless absolutely unavoidable. Accessible meetings guidance developed, and register of venues and their accessibility kept. This is done for all public meetings Hearing loop facilities are provided for all public meetings.	

	4. Where possible, teleconferencing will be encouraged as an alternative to face to face meetings if this makes it easier for people to be involved in meetings.			4. As well as teleconferencing the CNPA is currently exploring the possibility of using video conferencing as an alternative to face to face meetings	
Objective 4 CNPA published materials will be easily accessible to people of all abilities.	CNPA Staff will be trained in the use of "Plain English" to promote good communication which is accessible to all. Publications will conform to design specifications for legibility. Information for the public will be made available through our website to improve accessibility. Braille and audio cassettes will be made available on request as an alternative to printed publications	 April 2008 Dec 2006 Dec 2006 As requested from Dec 2006 	Head of Strategy and Communications	 Guidance is available to staff on use of Plain English, and training is planned during 2008. Corporate publications conform to design specifications for legibility. New corporate typeface has been adopted – Gill Sans 12 point, approved by Scottish Accessible Information Forum. New web portal being developed for the National Park with all pages meeting all WAI accessibility Level A or Priority I guidelines, and most guidelines at Level AA or Priority 2. Revised corporate website will conform to Priority 3 guidelines. Audio cassettes will be made available on request as an alternative to printed publications 	 Training for staff planned for 2009/10. Launch of Web portal is currently on hold. New CNPA website went live Jan 09. Audio cassette continue to be available on request.

Aim 6 – To take steps to take account of disabled people's disabilities even when that involves treating disabled people more favourably than others.

Outcome		Action	Timescale	Accountable		Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I	١.	Inclusive Cairngorms to advise	I. July 07	HR Manager	Ι.	Advice has been sought on this	Ia) Two members of IC
To ensure that all		on whether current				subject and feedback has been	volunteered to
disabled people who		recruitment advertising is				very positive. We will continue	comment on
wish to work for		creating barriers for those with	2. April 07	HR Manager		to refer back to Inclusive	recruitment advertising.
CNPA - either as staff		disabilities				Cairngorms for advice on	1b) Advert published in
or Board members -	2.	CNPA to ensure that the				further improvements, and	Employment and
are able to access the		application forms are available	3. Dec 06	HR Manager		make adjustments to	Education supplement
appropriate supports		in different formats, and that				recruitment policy accordingly.	of Able magazine (May-
during the recruitment		this is advertised				In June 2008 CNPA signed up	Jun 09 edition)
•	3.	Those invited to interview will				to the Positive About Disability	promoting CNPA as
subsequent		be encouraged to state any				symbol through Jobcentre Plus	Equal Opps employer.
employment with		special requirements, and				and is looking at other ways of	Ic) Annual update will
CNPA		these will be accommodated				working with Jobcentre Plus in	be provided to
		whenever possible. Where				future.	JobCentre Plus later in
		requests cannot be	4. Dec 06 and on-	HR Manager	2.	Application forms are available	09
		accommodated, CNPA will	going			in different formats, and adverts	
		work with the candidate to				state that applicants should	
		find suitable alternative				contact CNPA if they require	
	١.	solutions.				the application form in a	
	4.	On appointment, CNPA will				different format, or wish to	
		work closely with any disabled				discuss other adjustments to	
		employee to assess and				the recruitment process.	
		provide support proportionate			3.	Any applicant with a disability	
		to their needs.				who meets the essential criteria	
						for the job will be interviewed,	
						and our adverts now state this.	
						Interviewees are asked in	4 CNIDA I - 7
						advance about special	4. CNPA has Zoomtxt
						requirements. No requests	software available for
						have been made in 2007.	staff, Board and public,
					4.	This action point relates to both	which magnifies, and
						employees and Board members. One member of staff has	reads text.
							Potentian policy was
						identified a future need relating	Retention policy was discussed at SCF on 6th
	1					to disability and CNPA is	discussed at SCF on 6th

	, , ,	June 2009 and is currently being revised
		following this discussion.
	retention policy stating how	_
	CNPA will support any	
	member of staff who becomes	
	disabled in the future.	

GENDER EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (July 2007 – July 2010) Update June 2009

Aim I – To Eliminate Unlawful Discrimination and Harassment.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 09
Objective I Develop Equality Impact Assessment system in conjunction with DES Action Plan	I. Complete work on IA template and roll out to all departments in CNPA	March 2008	Education and Inclusion Manager	Equalities Impact assessment training scheduled for July 08, involving staff from all Groups and SNH. Delay due to availability of specialist trainer.	I. 14 staff attended EqIA training in Jul and Oct 2008. Priority policy areas identified by Inclusive Cairngorms in Jan 09 and EqIA process approved by Management Team in May 09. Two full EqIA completed for Core Paths Planning and recruitment policies. See also DES 2.1
Objective 2 Equal Pay Audit and review every 2-3 years.	 Conduct equal pay audit of our payscales and salaries across the organisation, and repeat this process every 2-3 years Address any imbalance in the annual pay review process. 	December 07 Annual	HR Manager	 This was done in December 07, and results published to the Staffing & Recruitment Committee of the Board. No issues of inequality were identified, but we will continue to monitor every 2-3 years. Annual pay review has maintained the current balance in pay 	Next Audit planned in 2010
Objective 3 Ensure all staff are trained adequately in gender equality awareness, giving	Build equality awareness into management training programmes Ensure that all staff understand equality and	December 2007 and ongoing	HR Manager	Middle and Senior Management have undertaken management/ leadership development over the past 2 years which has involved communication and	Facilitation training for all staff completed in Dec 08.

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providers are aware of		providers and public re	event each calendar	Project Manager		through CNPA training	Diversity training
and understand the		gender equality. HIEF can	year with training			project in autumn 08.	course for Park service
needs of different		provide this awareness-raising	supplied on request		2.	CNPA to contact Local	providers held in June
equality groups,		and follow-up bespoke	2. Dec 08			Authorities to highlight this	09. Delivered by HIEF.
including personal safety		training	3. Sept 08			issue – for them to take into	2. Contacted all LAs.
concerns	2.	Support councils to improve				account when improving	
		public toilets eg re baby				facilities.	
		changing facilities for men,					
		safety measures					
	3.	Support community safety					
		training in rural areas and					
		look at ways of disseminating					
		information to target certain					
		groups					

Aim 2 – To Promote Equality of Opportunity.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 09
Objective I Ensure equality of opportunity to access training	Continue to audit training provision and uptake of training opportunities. Ensure equality of access between genders by offering gender specific training if required.	Ongoing, report annually.	HR Manager	I. Training access report completed and showed no issues over equality of access. This was also highlighted in our IIP report in April 08. We will continue to monitor and report annually.	Monitoring is ongoing, no issues have been highlighted. New HR will report in autumn 2009.
Objective 2 Ensure male, female and transgender staff are equally encouraged to take up training and career development opportunities.	 Update appraisal guidance to include a section on equality. Provide information about training and career development opportunities to all across the organisation. 	I. September 07	HR Manager	 This has been done and will be further reinforced through future training of staff and managers. CNPA now has dedicated training support, so that training opportunities are made available to all staff. This contributed to successful IIP accreditation. 	Ongoing
Objective 3 To promote a good gender balance throughout all levels of the organisation.	 Job advertisements at all levels will promote equality of opportunity Staff at all levels will be encouraged to seek career development opportunities equally through the appraisal system, with information on career paths available, particularly for admin staff. Where possible career development opportunities will be encouraged (eg secondments, promotions, work shadowing etc). Publishing of clear career 	September 07 October 07 and ongoing	HR Manager	 We make a statement of equality in our adverts and promote equality internally. This is done through the appraisal system and audited by the HR Manager. The HR manager also seeks to challenge managers to consider career development opportunities for internal staff where possible. CNPA has worked hard to make secondment opportunities available to staff and to encourage internal development opportunities for all staff. Currently 10% of 	I. Advert published in Employment and Education supplement of Able magazine (May-Jun 09 edition) promoting CNPA as Equal Opps employer. 3. Several recent appointments have been made to internal applicants, following and open and inclusive recruitment process.

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development opportunities	CNPA staff are on either
allows men, women and	inward or outward
transgender employees to	secondments.
identify opportunities and to	Staff vacancies are advertised
feel encouraged by their	internally as well as externally
relevance and open access to	and staff are encouraged to
them	develop their careers. All
4. Where appropriate training	applicants are offered feedback
may be offered to help	in internal recruitment.
overcome specific areas of	4. No areas of imbalance have
imbalance.	required further training yet.
5. Offer work shadowing	Some comment had been made
schemes in-house for existing	by male staff about the
employees to gain better	imbalance in having female only
understanding of other	leadership courses available.
departments.	We have sourced a provider of
	male only development courses
	to redress the balance.
	5. One member of the Admin
	team has taken up the
	opportunity to work-shadow as
	part of her career development,
	and this will be further
	encouraged as opportunities
	arise.

Objective 4 Ensure Park service providers and residents are well informed of Park services and facilities including information on needs of specific user groups	 Continue and increase upta of Cairngorms Connection course amongst Park service providers and the general public including reference to the needs of specific user groups. Develop visitor information on the Park which is available to specific user groups 	Sept 2007 ongoing	Training Project Manager Marketing Officer, Communications officer	 It is felt that this can be better achieved through providing equalities awareness training to Park Service providers, scheduled for Autumn 08. New CNP web portal being launched in summer 08 to include information for user groups eg all abilities, low incomes. Opportunity for other user groups info to be added in due course. Producing additional visitor information eg Easy Read will be considered in relation to demand and cost. 	I. Seven people attended Equality & Diversity training course for Park service providers held in June 09. Delivered by HIEF. 2a) Cairngorms Explorer 09 includes accessibility info. 2b) Launch.of web portal on hold.
Objective 5 To ensure that Park users, in particular women and transgender people can travel easily and safely within and into the Park.	 Support sustainable community transport initiatives as part of community development. Provide safety training to transport service providers Park. Support innovative solution to cater for buggies, bikes, wheelchairs, eg adaptation buses, provision of all terra buggies and backpacks for hire in the Park. 	s of	I,2 Economic Dev Officer, Social Inclusion Officer 3.Training Project Manager	 Held Community transport conference in Nov 07 to highlight the links between community transport and social inclusion. Will work with partners to support existing and new CT initiatives. Badenoch and Strathspey Community Transport Co can provide such training for volunteer drivers and other transport operators. To contact other local transport providers to encourage them to cover these aspects in driver training. Through equalities training scheduled for autumn 08, 	1. CNPA is continuing to support the Heather Hopper bus service connecting different parts of the Park. 2. Contacted transport operators 3a) CNPA funding for Heather Hopper has enabled provision of newer, more accessible buses. 3b) Equality and Diversity training held in Jun 09.

					outdoor activity providers to be encouraged to cater for all abilities, mothers and prams, etc.	
Objective 6 To assess ways to promote understanding of career opportunities for both genders within the community	1.	Explore the possibility of setting up a work placement scheme within CNPA.	March 2008	HR Manager	This has been looked into and the decision taken that at this stage it is not a practical option due to resourcing issues. It will be considered again at a later date.	Hosted 2 day placement for Grantown teacher under EEBL (Excellence in Education through Business Links programme)

Aim 3 - To Promote Positive Attitudes.

Outcome		Action	Timescale	Accountable		Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I Park Service Providers will understand equalities issues and	1.	Include diversity / equalities criteria in Green Tourism Business Scheme / Park brand applications, eg training in	Mar 2008	Marketing Officer	I.	Businesses applying for the brand, who are quality assured through VisitScotland currently comply with equalities duties	
demonstrate good practice in meeting the needs of all Park users, whatever their background or ability.	2.	equalities awareness		Training Project manager Social Inclusion	2.	covering disability, race and sex discrimination. Promote equalities training courses in autumn 08 through Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce.	2a) Equality and Diversity training for park service providers held Jun 09
				Officer		Assess the impact of Inclusive Cairngorms as a means of spreading good practice in equalities amongst member organisations (2008).	2b) IC Workshop in Jan 09 identified ways to promote good practice amongst member organisations.
Objective 2 CNPA and other Park service providers will produce materials	1.	Monitor and review CNPA and other organisations' publications showing equality of genders in images.	March 2008 ongoing Next Park visitor	I.Communications Officer2. Visitor Services		This objective should read 'showing images of an appropriate balanced mix of genders'	I. Sourcing images through IC and events supported by CNPA.
showing images of a balanced mix of genders and activities to promote equal access to services and facilities.	2.	•	survey	Manager	1.	CNPA photo library requires further images of different equality groupings, but we intend to source these through Inclusive Cairngorms members and commission them if necessary. It is not appropriate for the CNPA to monitor other organisations' publications but best practice can be encouraged through our grants	2. Additional questions in Visitor survey will obtain data on disability and race (May 09 to
					2.	scheme and training courses. Next Survey scheduled for	Apr 10)

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	2009/1	10. Will seek advice from	
	profes	sional surveyors when	
	appoin	nted on pertinent	
	questio	ons to ask.	

Aim 4 - To Build Awareness of Specific Barriers to Full Inclusion of Men, Women and Transgender People.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I Continue to build awareness of any gender issues amongst CNPA staff	 Add equality as an agenda point on all staff consultative forum meetings Hold regular staff surveys/face-to-face focus group meetings Consult with trade unions Collate information from grievance & complaints procedure Analyse findings eg if not achieving a representative gender mix, investigate possible causes and take action Feed back learning into GES Action Plan 	September 07	HR Manager	 This is a standing agenda item on all Staff Consultative Forum meetings. The next staff survey is due to take place late 08/early 09. This is done through the Staff Consultative Forum. Reports on recruitment, grievance, disciplinary and training access published for 2007. External complaints data and report for 2007 to follow. See above. Ongoing and will be incorporated into the next GES Action Plan 	2.Following discussion at the June 2009 SCF meeting, it was agreed to postpone the next staff survey, as the CNPA is entering the Sunday Times "Best Places to work on the Public Sector", which will involve an external survey. This will include questions about Well being, and other areas that would be covered by the staff survey.
Objective 2 Continue to build awareness of any gender issues amongst CNPA Park Users	 Hold annual consultations with Park Users Create feedback forms that ask pertinent questions about gender (and other equalities) issues Continue to work with Inclusive Cairngorms Make contact with new groups who hold information eg schools, Young mothers' groups etc 	November 07 and annual Park for All conference	Social Inclusion Officer	 Community transport conference held in Nov 07, which identified barriers to accessing transport including gender and other equalities issues. Evaluation form tried and tested at community transport conference, to be used as template in holding accessible meetings Women@work now represented on Inclusive Cairngorms, and the new Cairngorms LAG grant scheme. 	I. IC held Women;s meeting in Jan 09 (with Leader), exploring development opportunities for women in the Park. 2a) Template to be included in Holding Meetings pack. 2b) Training project evalualtion form has been revised to include info on accessibility / ethnic origin. 3,4. New groups

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		contacted in organising Women's meeting
		(above) eg Highland
		Wellbeing Alliance,
		Volunteer Centres,
		LL&T Rural mentoring
		project

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Aim I – To Eliminate Unlawful Discrimination:

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I Ensure that CNPA policies do not	Develop Equality Impact Assessment system in conjunction with DES and	June 2008	Education and Inclusion Manager	Impact assessment training is scheduled for July 2008, which representatives from each	I. 14 staff attended EqIA training in Jul and Oct 2008.
allow direct or indirect racial discrimination, harassment and victimisation.	GES Action Plans. 2. Evaluate guidance on completing Park for All section in Board papers.	March 2008	Head of Strategy & Communication	Group at CNPA will attend. Delay due to availability of specialist trainer. 2. Review of Board paper format to be complete by Sept 08. This will include more detailed guidance on completing Park for All section to include equalities considerations.	Priority policy areas identified by Inclusive Cairngorms in Jan 09 and EqIA process approved by Management Team in May 09. Two full EqIA completed for Core Paths Planning and recruitment policies. See also DES 2. I 2. Review of Board Paper format, now scheduled for summer 09 and will include
					question on completing EqIA.
Objective 2 Ensure all staff are aware of and	Build equality awareness into company training and induction programmes so	First stage of programme already complete – ongoing	HR Manager	This training has been completed and will be updated as required.	
understand racial equality; how their work impacts on	that all staff attend equality training covering all equality strands on a rolling 3 year	over next 3 years As above		This has been done through the training, and staff will also be encouraged to attend Inclusive	2.Advance notice of IC meetings sent round Heads of Group, and IC
equality and what their own	programme, building on previous training and utilising		HR Manager	Cairngorms Meetings to increase their awareness of	terms of reference circulated to all staff

within the CNPA. diversity good practice and how to identify particular racial equality issues. Raise awareness of direct and indirect discrimination, harassment and victimisation	April 2008 for those not yet trained. Review of procedures to be held by November 2008	HR Manager HR Manager	equality issues. 3. This is ongoing and on track for November 08. 4. Guidelines exist within the Staff Handbook and this is talked about at induction with HR so that new staff are aware that they can discuss this with either HR, or their line manager or the Employee Assistance Helpline if it arises. The appraisal guidelines have been amended to include equality.	3. This is ongoing
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Aim 2 – To Promote Equality of Opportunity.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I	I. Gather baseline data on racial	April 2008	HR Manager	I. This has been done and is now	
Ensure equality of	mix of area and compare with			incorporated in the introduction to	
opportunity to	racial mix accessing		HR Manager	our Equality Scheme. Further work	
access training	employment, goods and	April 2008	(Internal trg)	will continue to build our	
	services		Education &	information available.	
	2. Continue to audit training		Inclusion	2. This is done internally by the HR	2. CAP and LBBT
	provision and uptake of		Manager	Manager, and will be included in	evaluation forms have

	training opportunities for racial equality.		(External training)	monitoring for external training provision through CAP and LBBT	been revised to include info on ethnic origin.
Objective 2 Ensure all staff are equally encouraged to take up training and career development opportunities.	 Update appraisal guidance to include a section on equality. Provide information about training and career development opportunities to all across the organisation. Use findings from monitoring to inform actions 	April 2008 Ongoing from November 2007	HR Manager HR Manager and other managers	 This has been done. This is done as part of the appraisal system and through general communications. No specific actions have been identified, and monitoring shows equal access at present. 	Monitoring shows equal access at present.
Objective 3 To promote a good racial balance throughout all levels of the organisation, taking positive action where necessary	 Job advertisements at all levels will promote equality of opportunity Staff at all levels will be encouraged to seek career development opportunities equally through the appraisal system, with information on career paths available. Assess the need for further placement of adverts in publications and venues which may attract applicants from groups which are currently under-represented. 	April 2008 April 2008 and ongoing Review in April 2008	HR Manager All line managers through Appraisals HR Manager	 CNPA continues to promote equality through the recruitment process, and states this in adverts. This is done through the appraisal system, and the HR Manager is able to check appraisal forms for this. CNPA continues to advertise through BEMIS and to assess recruitment monitoring results. 	I. as before. Consulting IC on recruitment advertising policy. 3. Advert placed in Ethnic Britain Directory 2008, promoting CNPA as equal opps employer and signposting to vacancies on our website.
Objective 4 Ensure Park service providers and residents are well informed of Park services and facilities including information on needs of specific user groups	Continue and increase uptake of Cairngorms Connections course amongst Park service providers and the general public including reference to the needs of specific user groups. Develop visitor information on the Park which is available to specific user	September 2008 Sept 2007 ongoing	Training Project Manager Marketing Officer,	 It is felt that this can be better achieved through providing equalities awareness training to Park Service providers, scheduled for autumn 08. New CNP web portal being launched in summer 08 to include information for user groups eg all abilities, low incomes. Opportunity for other user groups info to be 	Equality and Diversity training for Park service providers held in June 09. Launch of Web portal on hold.

	groups on request.		Communicatio ns Officer	added in due course. Producing additional visitor information eg Easy Read will be considered in relation to demand and cost.	
Objective 6 To assess ways to promote understanding of career opportunities for people from all racial groups within the community.	I. Explore the possibility of setting up a work placement scheme within CNPA and ensure that if it is established it is equally available to all.	March 2008	HR Manager	I. This has been looked into, but is not currently considered to be a viable option due to resourcing issues. We will continue to review this situation and work towards being able to offer work placements in future.	Have hosted short placements for a Young person and a teacher.

Aim 3 - Promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008	Update June 2009
Objective I Park Service Providers will understand equalities issues and demonstrate good practice in meeting the needs of all Park users, whatever their background or ability.	 Discuss with Brand Management Group the potential for including diversity / equalities criteria in Park brand applications, eg training in equalities awareness Market the business case for equality and diversity to Park Service providers. 	Mar 2008	Marketing Officer Training Project manager	 Businesses applying for the brand, who are quality assured through VisitScotland currently comply with equalities duties covering disability, race and sex discrimination. Promote equalities training courses in autumn 08 through Cairngorms Chamber of Commerce. 	2. Equality and Diversity training for Park service providers held in June 09.
Objective 2 CNPA and other Park service providers will produce materials showing images which are representative of the relevant communities using the Park to promote equal access to services and facilities.	 Monitor and review CNPA and other organisations' publications showing equality of race in images. In visitor survey, obtain statistics on balance of participation from different backgrounds in different activities and address any stereotyping. 	March 2008 ongoing Next Park visitor survey	Communications Officer Visitor Services Manager	CNPA photo library requires further images of different equality groupings, but we intend to source these through Inclusive Cairngorms members and commission them if necessary. It is not appropriate for the CNPA to monitor other organisations' publications but good practice will be encouraged through grants scheme and training courses. Next survey scheduled for 2009/10. Will seek advice from professional surveyors when appointed on pertinent questions to ask.	Sourcing images through IC and events supported by CNPA. Survey has commenced and will include questions on ethnic origin and disability.
Objective 3 Different racial groups accessing	Seek advice from Inclusive Cairngorms and participants from Backbone event on what	April 2008	Social Inclusion Officer	To be discussed at Sept 08 meeting of Inclusive Cairngorms, which will be themed on ethnic	Ia) Feedback from IC mtg in Sept 08 reinforced previously

the Park will be	information is useful for other		participation in the Park.	identified issues which
aware of the needs	groups to know and how this			will be incorporated
of others	should be transmitted.			into future RES.
				Ib) CNPA provided
				funding to HIEF to hold
				a Diversity open day
				'Highlands R Us' in July
				08 to raise public
				awareness of diversity
				and equalities groups in
				Highland.

Aim 4 - To Build Awareness of Specific Barriers to Full Inclusion of different racial groups

Outcome	Action	Timescale	Accountable	Update June 2008 Update June 2009
Objective I Continue to build awareness of any racial issues amongst CNPA staff	 Add equality as an agenda point on all staff consultative forum meetings Hold regular staff surveys/face-to-face focus group meetings Consult with staff and trade unions Collate information from complaints procedure Analyse findings eg if not achieving a representative racial mix, investigate possible causes and take action Feed back learning into future RES Action Plans 	Immediate and ongoing quarterly Annually 2010	HR Manager Head of Corporate Services Education and Inclusion Manager and HR Manager	 This is a standing item on all Staff Consultative Forum meetings. No issues have been reported to date. Staff survey planned for late 2008/ early 09. Staff and Unions are consulted via Staff Consultative Forum. Complaints procedure is monitored, and so far no issues have arisen to cause concerns on racial grounds. Currently our employee demographics are consistent the demographics for the local area and for Scotland generally, but we will continue to monitor the situation. We are continuing to gather information to feed into our next RES Action Plan and will act immediately in issues which come to light.
Objective 2 Continue to build awareness of any racial issues amongst CNPA Park Users	 Hold consultation event with Park Users to identify specific barriers and ways to address them, and take forward. Create feedback forms at CNPA meetings / events that ask pertinent questions about equalities issues to improve our engagement with BME 	October 2007 ongoing April 2008 Ongoing March 2008	Social Inclusion officer Education and Inclusion Manager	1. BME Consultation event held in Oct 07, subsequent projects being developed by Backbone to train role models. Other barriers being addressed in this and future Action Plans. 2. Evaluation form tried and tested at community transport conference in Nov 07, to be Ia) CNPA supporting follow-up project with BEMIS in Inverness (Women's Active Life Project). b) Backbone delivered presentation on their work at IC meeting in September 08.

groups			u	used as template for holding	2. Evaluation form
3. Continue to wo	rk with		a	ccessible meetings.	template will form part
Inclusive Cairng	orms	3.	3. C	On-going, Sept 08 meeting to	of Holding Meetings
4. Make contact w	ith new		b	oe themed on ethnic	pack.
groups who hol	d information		Р	participation in the Park.	
eg through Blac	<	4.	4. N	New contacts established with	3, 4. see 1 above
Environmental 1	Network,		- 1	5 organisations attending	
Backbone event			С	consultation event in Oct07.	