The members of the Task Force listed below propose that the NPP should establish the following objectives and actions:

**Biodiversity** – the NPP should re-affirm the Park’s commitment to securing favourable condition for protected species/sites, especially those protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives, the WCA81 and the NCSA04. In addition, a NP-wide system of second-tier protected sites should be established, along the lines of the Listed Wildlife Sites coordinated by SWT or the Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation protected by Aberdeenshire Council

**Deer Management** – the NPP should support deer management practices which ensure that all habitats across the NP are in favourable condition

**Ecosystem Services** – the NPP should analyse the contribution made by the NP to Scotland’s land, air and water resources and their importance as the basis of economic activity

**Energy** – there should continue to be no large-scale wind farms within the NP, but support for small-scale renewables including hydro and solar; the NPP should advocate a buffer zone against large-scale wind farms around the NP

**Housing** – only housing proposals which are not detrimental to the reasons for the Park's designation should be supported. Provision should only be made for small-scale developments within existing village envelopes

**Landscape** – the National Scenic Areas within the NP should be retained to ensure continuing clear focus on its most significant landscapes
**Land Use** – the NPP should advocate a landscape-scale approach to land management and the further development of habitat networks that enhance ecosystem function and adaptation to climate change

**Recreation** – the NP should require an overall Recreational Strategy to tie together the Core Paths Plan, the Outdoor Access Strategy and the work of COAT within a zoning framework

**Woodland** – the NPP should aim to increase native woodland habitat networks, protect woods of high conservation value from development, improve management of existing native woodland and inspire public engagement with woods

**Wildness** – procedures should be established to ensure that the 2011 Supplementary Planning Guidance is a material consideration in the determination of every planning application in the NP; proactive re-wilding initiatives should be supported

This statement is supported by the following Task Force members:

- Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
- Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group
- Buglife
- Cairngorms Campaign
- John Muir Trust
- National Trust for Scotland
- North East Mountain Trust
- Plantlife Scotland
- RSPB Scotland
- Scottish Badgers
- Scottish Campaign for National Parks
- Scottish Wildlife Trust
- Woodland Trust Scotland

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