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MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: 2013 TO 2018

The Group will be known as the Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum.

AIM

The aim of the Forum is to advise and assist The Moray Council and other parties in relation to the development, promotion, management and monitoring of responsible access to the outdoors in Moray.

OBJECTIVES

The Forum will achieve this aim through adopting objectives within the following key work themes:

1. **Business**
 - To contribute to improving the Outdoor Access position in Moray through delivery and review of an ongoing Business Plan incorporating defined actions.
2. **Advice and Mediation**
 - To advise the Council on strategic access issues throughout Moray – this includes the review of the Outdoor Access Strategy for Moray.
 - To act as a consultee in relation to the Council's duties and powers under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 specifically in upholding access rights through the removal of signs and obstructions, dealing with requests to exempt land from access rights, making and reviewing bylaws.
 - To mediate and offer advice to the Council and other parties to help resolve access disputes.

3. **Core Paths Planning**

- To assist in the implementation and review of the Core Paths Plan for Moray and to advise the Council on implementation priorities.
- To assist in achieving sustainable management arrangements for the Core Paths Plan and the wider Paths Network.

4. **Publicity and Promotion**

- To promote good practice, the sharing of knowledge and awareness of different viewpoints regarding responsible outdoor access in accordance with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.
- To promote and assist in publicising the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and interpreting it to the public.
- To prepare and implement a Communication Plan for the Forum.

5. **Partnership**

- To develop linkages with Local Outdoor Access for a covering neighbouring Access Authority Areas and in particular the Cairngorm National Park.
- To establish an active partnership with the wider Moray Community including Community Planning together with other local community organisations.

Values

In conducting its business the Forum will adhere to the following values:

- transparency and openness
- achieve access by consensus
- inform and consult
- inclusiveness and equality