

# National Park Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 14 – Appendix 2

## Written Statement: James Stuart

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### Statement by Nominated Candidate:

Our Park has come a long way in recent years. Our core functions are in good order and we have won awards and national recognition. We have taken bold steps to do the right thing and now we are about to deliver some key projects that will secure long-term, environmental, community and economic benefits.

These projects will characterise much of our work over the next few years and are crucial to the continued progress and impact of the Park. However, they are not the only activity of the Park and as we look to the future we must also avoid having our eyes draw away from the immediate horizon.

This will require the sum of all our talents. We need to draw and build on our links to our communities and our local authorities; taking note that many of our board members are particularly well placed to assist in that quest. We will need to ensure an environment where our executive can flourish (not just survive) and we will need to adjust our working patterns and practices to target our collective talent towards further achievements.

I have led numerous teams in a wide variety of environments and whilst working under significant pressure and I have had considerable success. This success was attributable not just to me but to the collective efforts of the teams I have led.

I believe in leadership that spends time seeking and listening to the expertise, perspective and counsel of others; leadership that works to use the collective talents of the team; leadership that is about service. I believe this is the sort of leadership our Park needs as we move forward and seek to ensure the brightest of our possible futures. I strongly believe that is the sort of leadership I can offer as Convener.