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# MARR AREA partnership

Dear All

**CNPA Local Development Plan out for consultation.** The Cairngorms National Park Authority is in the process of preparing its next Local Development Plan (LDP). This new LDP will direct development within the Cairngorms National Park for the period 2020-2025 and into the longer term. It sets out land allocations which will help to deliver appropriate development within the National Park, and policies that will be used to make future decisions on applications for planning permission.

The Proposed Plan and Action Programme, along with a series of supporting documents, are also available to view on the website at [www.cairngorms.co.uk/proposedplan](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/proposedplan). Copies of the documents can also be viewed during normal opening hours in all public libraries within the National Park. In Marr public consultation events are being held from 3-7pm in Braemar Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and from 3-7pm in Ballater Station, VIC/Library on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation.** Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Adult Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy is now out for public consultation. The draft strategy sets out the Partnership's mental health priorities over the next 5 years. The strategy will focus on the following areas:

- Self-management of mental health problems.
- Improving access to mental health and wellbeing services.
- Ensuring mental health services are person-centred and recovery focused.
- Improving the physical health and life chances of people living with mental health problems.

You are invited to participate in a public consultation exercise, to give your views on the draft strategy. This can be done by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X37J8ND>. The consultation will run from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If you would prefer to email comments and suggestions, please email these to: [pete.matthews@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:pete.matthews@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**Become an Energy Champion.** The Next round of Energy Champions will be taking place in Alford, starting 19<sup>th</sup> February. The award winning Energy Champions programme is designed to support and strengthen the communities across Aberdeenshire through peer led Energy efficiency advice. So far the project has been a success in several communities across central and North Aberdeenshire with many unemployed participants taking part to learn new skills and help support the people from their communities who are suffering from fuel poverty. If you would like to participate take a look at the documents below.

[PR\\_Energy\\_champions\\_flyer\\_copy.01.pdf](#)  
[Energy\\_Champions\\_Expression\\_of\\_Interest\\_Form.docx](#)

**Aberdeenshire waste services changing to increase recycling and send less to landfill.** Aberdeenshire's recycling and waste services will be changing after a new strategy was agreed by councillors to improve the way the area disposes of the resources it consumes. A new approach will be taken to push up the area's recycling rate and send less waste to landfill, ahead of strict recycling targets and national restrictions on the use of landfill. The changes are expected to be implemented from April 2020 and further communication will take place with residents to outline the changes in more detail. <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsid=5228>