**Protected Areas Committee**

**10 February 2023**

**Indicative work plan**

The Protected Areas Committee undertakes a number of functions on behalf of the NatureScot Board. The following is an indicative work plan for the Protected Areas Committee for 2023. It is possible that further meetings may be required, depending on the approach agreed for dealing with some of the work, or in response to emerging casework.

February 10th Meeting to discuss extensions to eight Caithness and Sutherland peatland sites.

End of March Meeting to sign off advice on 30x30 and Nature Networks – Framework and Implementation plan

March - May Decision meeting on Caithness and Sutherland peatland sites – depending on approach PAC choose to take.

May/June Possible SSSI case – Bargeny Hill

November Meeting to discuss revision to terms of reference

It is not expected that there will be any decisions required in relation to work on HPMAs until 2024.