

**442<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland**  
**Thursday 11 January 2018, 10.15am**  
**in the offices of Audit Scotland, 102 West Port, Edinburgh**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Declarations of interest.**
3. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Commission will consider whether to take items 13 to 16 in private.
4. **Minutes of meeting of Financial Audit and Assurance Committee of 30 November 2017.**
5. **Minutes of meeting of 8 December 2017.**
6. **Update report by the Secretary to the Accounts Commission:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
7. **Update report by the Controller of Audit:** The Commission will consider a verbal report by the Controller of Audit.
8. **Equalities Sub-Group update:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
9. **Briefing: Scottish Budget:** The Commission will consider a draft report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value
10. **New financial powers update:** The Commission will consider a draft report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
11. **Audit of Best Value Follow Up Report: Falkirk Council:** The Commission will consider a report by the Controller of Audit.
12. **Best Value Assurance Report: Clackmannanshire Council:** The Commission will consider a report by the Controller of Audit.

**The following items are proposed to be considered in private:**

13. **Audit of Best Value Follow Up Report: Falkirk Council:** The Commission will consider the action that it wishes to take.
14. **Best Value Assurance Report: Clackmannanshire Council:** The Commission will consider the action that it wishes to take.
15. **Scottish Government Consultation – Empowering Schools: Commission Response:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary.
16. **Commission business matters:** The Commission will discuss matters of interest.

\* It is proposed that items 13 to 16 be considered in private because:

- Items 13 and 14 require the Commission to consider actions in relation to a report by the Controller of Audit. The Commission is then obliged by statute to inform the council in question of its decision, which the Commission does before making the decision public.
- Item 15 is a draft response to a Scottish Government consultation on which the Commission may wish to discuss confidential policy matters.
- Item 16 may be required if there are any confidential matters that require to be discussed outwith the public domain. The Chair will inform the meeting in public at the start of the meeting if this item is required and what it covers.

The following papers are enclosed for this meeting:

| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Paper number</b> |
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| <b>Agenda Item 4:</b><br>Minutes of meeting of Financial Audit & Assurance Committee of 30 November 2017    | AC.2018.1.1         |
| <b>Agenda Item 5:</b><br>Minutes of meeting of 8 December 2017  | AC.2018.1.2         |
| <b>Agenda Item 6:</b><br>Report by Secretary to the Commission  | AC.2018.1.3         |
| <b>Agenda Item 8:</b><br>Report by Secretary to the Commission  | AC.2018.1.4         |
| <b>Agenda Item 9:</b><br>Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value                             | AC.2018.1.5         |
| <b>Agenda Item 10:</b><br>Report by Assistant Director, Audit Services and Performance Audit and Best Value | AC.2018.1.6         |
| <b>Agenda Item 11:</b><br>Report by Controller of Audit   | AC.2018.1.7         |
| <b>Agenda Item 12:</b><br>Report by Controller of Audit   | AC.2018.1.8         |
| <b>Agenda Item 15:</b><br>Report by Secretary   | AC.2018.1.9         |