

445th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland
Thursday 12 April 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 12 to 14 in private.
4. **Minutes of meeting of 8 March 2018.**
5. **Audit Scotland Board update:** The Commission will consider a verbal report by the Chair and Secretary to the Commission.
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. **Local Government Benchmarking Framework:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
9. **National Scrutiny Plan:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
10. **How councils work:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
11. **Revised form of independent auditor's reports:** The Commission will consider a report by the Assistant Director of Appointments and Assurance Team.

The following items are proposed to be considered in private:

12. **Audit Scotland strategic planning update:** The Commission will consider a report by the Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland.
13. **Performance audit: draft report - councils' use of arms-length external organisations:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
14. **Commission business matters:** The Commission will discuss matters of interest.

* It is proposed that items 12 to 14 be considered in private because:

- Item 12 is a discussion on matters relating to the Commission's relationship with Audit Scotland, which may involve confidential issues which the Commission would wish to consider in private.
- Item 13 proposes a draft audit report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 14 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:

| Agenda Item | Paper number |
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| Agenda item 4: Minutes of meeting of 8 March 2018 | AC.2018.4.1 |
| Agenda item 5: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2018.4.2 |
| Agenda item 6: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2018.4.3 |
| Agenda item 8: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2018.4.4 |
| Agenda item 9: Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value | AC.2018.4.5 |
| Agenda item 10: Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value | AC.2018.4.6 |
| Agenda item 11: Report by Assistant Director, Appointments and Assurance Team | AC.2018.4.7 |
| Agenda item 12: Report by Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland | AC.2018.4.8 |
| Agenda item 13: Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value | AC.2018.4.9 |