

## Purpose

1. This report provides an update on the engagements and work of the Chair of the Accounts Commission.

## Engagement and Commission business

2. The engagements and work in the period of 1 September to 30 September have been as follows:

### Audit Scotland engagement

- 2 September - Regular meeting with Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland
- 3 September – Attendance at Local Government Housing & Planning Committee – private session with Derek Yule Accounts Commission, and PABV Colleagues.
- 3 September – Audit Scotland Board Extraordinary meeting: Resourcing Software
- 3 September – Meeting with Alan Alexander, Audit Scotland Board Chair.
- 24 September – Attendance at Local Government Housing & Planning Committee – Public session with Derek Yule Accounts Commission, and PABV Colleagues.
- Regular meetings with Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer.
- Regular meetings with Helena Gray, Controller of Audit

### Commission business

- Regular meetings with Sarah Watters, Secretary to the Commission, Jack Nixon, Executive Assistant to the Commission and Joe Chapman, Policy Manager, Accounts Commission.
- 2 September – Meeting with Mike Neilson, Accounts Commission
- 4 September - Strategy Session Catch Up with Andrew Burns, Accounts Commission, Sarah Watter, Secretary to the Commission and Joe Chapman, Policy Manager to Accounts Commission.
- 11 September – Accounts Commission strategy seminar.
- 12 September – Accounts Commission meeting.

### External Engagement

- 5 September – meeting with Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

- 6 September – Solace Conference attendance and panel member for session on 'Sustainable public services: Taking a closer look at financial sustainability.
- 19 and 20 September – COSLA conference attendance.
- 27 September - Media for Best Value in Clackmannanshire Council

### **Forthcoming activities**

**3.** My forthcoming engagement activities include:

- 9 October – Monthly meeting with Ellen Leaver, Interim Directorate for Local Government
- 10 October – Accounts Commission meeting
- 15 October – Engagement with delegation from Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR) in conjunction with PABV colleagues
- 23 October – Accounts Commission & Cosla engagement session with Cosla presidential team, Chief Executive and Chief Officer of Corporate Policy
- 23 October – Media for Best Value in City of Edinburgh Council
- 30 October - Panel member at 2024 Annual Audit Planning Conference

### **Conclusion**

**4.** The Commission is invited to:

- Note this report and enquire about any areas of interest.