

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 October to 31 October have been as follows:

Audit Scotland engagement

- 22 October – Meeting with Gillian Allan, Publications Coordinator to discuss communication report process
- 23 October – Meeting with Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland
- 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.
- 8 October – Accounts Commission prep session with Andrew Burns, Accounts Commission, Sarah Watters, Secretary to the Commission and Joe Chapman, Policy Manager to Accounts Commission.
- 10 October – Accounts Commission meeting.

External Engagement

- 9 October – Monthly meeting with Ellen Leaver, Interim Directorate for Local Government
- 15 October – Engagement with delegation from Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR) in conjunction with PABV colleagues
- 17 October – Chair's [blog](#) – The Accounts Commission's role in supporting reform
- 23 October – Media for Best Value in City of Edinburgh Council
- 23 October – First formal in-person meeting with COSLA President, Vice President, Director of Membership and Resources, and Chief Officer (along with Accounts Commission Vice Chair)
- 30 October - Panel member at 2024 Annual Audit Planning Conference

Forthcoming activities

3. My forthcoming engagement activities include:

- 7 November – Accounts Commission meeting
- 10 November – Attendance at Audit Scotland Audit Committee and REMCO
- 18 November – 'Transformation' Round table with Solace and IS
- 21 November - Ayrshire Leadership Collaborative Session (TBC Chair or Vice Chair)
- 21 November – Directors of Finance Section meeting
- 26 November – Attendance at Audit Scotland Board meeting
- 27 November – Media for Best Value in Scottish Borders Council

Conclusion

4. The Commission is invited to:

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