

Chair's update

Item 7

Meeting date:
12 June 2025

Chair of the Accounts Commission

Purpose

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

Engagement and Commission business

2. Noting annual leave on 02-06 June, details of my engagements and work since the last meeting are as follows:

Audit Scotland engagement

- Regular meetings with: Alison Cumming – Executive Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Helena Gray – Controller of Audit, and Vicki Bibby – Chief Operating Officer
- 20 May: Audit Scotland Board meeting
- 22 May: Audit Scotland 'Insight' event - In Conversation with Jo Armstrong (with Sarah Watters)

Commission business

- Regular meetings with Sarah Watters – Secretary to the Commission, and Lee Ovens – Executive Assistant
- 28 May: Argyll & Bute Council Best Value follow up meeting with Derek Yule, Ruth MacLeod, and Sarah Watters
- 11 June: Accounts Commission prep session with Andrew Burns – Deputy Chair, Helena Gray, Sarah Watters, Lee Ovens, Joe Chapman – Policy Manager, and Callum Aitken – Modern Apprentice

External engagement

- 27 May: Bi-monthly catch-up with Ellen Leaver – Director for Local Government, Scottish Government

Forthcoming activities

3. My forthcoming engagement activities include:

- Regular catch ups with Helena Gray, Sarah Watters, Lee Ovens, Vicki Bibby and Alison Cumming
- 13 June: Monthly catch-up with Stephen Boyle – Auditor General
- 27 June: Discussion on work programme and Future Public Audit Model at COSLA Leaders meeting
- 2 July: Media day for East Lothian Council Best Value report

Conclusion

4. The Commission is invited to:

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