
Chair's update

Item 7Meeting date:
14 May 2026Chair of the Accounts Commission

Purpose

1. This report provides an update on the engagements and work of the Chair of the Accounts Commission since the Commission met last and upcoming engagement before the next meeting.

Engagement and Commission business

Commission business

- Regular meetings with Sarah Watters (Director for the Commission), Helena Gray (Controller of Audit) and Lee Ovens (Executive Assistant)
- 7 May – Prep meeting for the May Accounts Commission meeting, with Andrew Burns (Deputy Chair) and the Commission Support Team
- 12 May – Clackmannanshire & Stirling Integration Joint Board section 102 report follow-up visit
- Annual appraisal meetings with members

Audit Scotland engagement

- Regular meetings with Stephen Boyle (Auditor General) and Vicki Bibby (Chief Operating Officer)
- 05 May – Audit Scotland Audit Committee and Remuneration & Human Resources Committee (RemCo) meetings
- 07 May – Future Public Audit Model phase 3 discussion with Commission Sounding Board

Forthcoming activities

- Regular meetings with Sarah Watters, Helena Gray and Lee Ovens
- Regular meetings with Alison Cumming (Executive Director of Performance Audit and Best Value), Vicki Bibby and Stephen Boyle
- 19 May – Work programme discussion with Alison Cumming
- 19 May – Bi-monthly meeting with Catriona MacKean (Deputy Director for Local Government, Scottish Government)

- 20 May – Commission members' social media training
- 26 May – Audit Scotland Board meeting
- 04 June – Strategy Seminar follow up with Sarah Watters, Blyth Deans (Audit Director) and Fiona Lees (Senior Auditor)
- 09 June – Audit Scotland Board meeting

Conclusion

2. The Commission is invited to:

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