

## Consultancy Expenditure: Year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

The Scottish Government defines 'consultancy' as including a wide range of professional services such as management consultancy, IT consultancy, financial consultancy, construction and infrastructure related consultancy, research and evaluation and policy development. Therefore, the expenditure contained in this section reflects this definition of external consultancy.

Audit Scotland mainly uses external consultancy to undertake specific pieces of work which requires expertise which is not readily available in house.

The following report shows the expenditure by Audit Scotland in relation to external consultancy for the period **1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023**

| <b>Payee</b>                        | <b>Amount</b>      | <b>Date</b> | <b>Description</b>                              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| Mark Diffley Consultancy & Research | £10,200.00         | 31/05/2022  | Survey  |
| Dell                                | £12,876.41         | 08/06/2022  | Equipment implementation                        |
| Visual Planning                     | £6,060.00          | 12/10/2022  | Project management software                     |
| Prof John Macinnes                  | £3,933.00          | 21/11/2022  | Statistical analysis                            |
| Business Jigsaw                     | £11,595.60         | 20/01/2023  | Strategic improvement programme - stage payment |
| Business Jigsaw                     | £11,595.60         | 31/01/2023  | Strategic improvement programme - stage payment |
| Business Jigsaw                     | £11,595.60         | 13/03/2023  | Strategic improvement programme - stage payment |
| Cabinet Office                      | £195,735.00        | 31/03/2023  | National Fraud Initiative 2022/23 Exercise      |
|                                     |                    |             |   |
| <b>Total year to date</b>           | <b>£263,591.21</b> |             |   |