

MEETING: 10 DECEMBER 2020

REPORT BY: CONTROLLER OF AUDIT

CONTROLLER OF AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

Purpose

1. This report provides an update on my recent engagements as Controller of Audit.

Engagement

2. Please note below my engagements in November:
 - **04 November** – Local Government Sector meeting, attended by all local government auditors.
 - **09 November** – Donella Steel, Historic Environment Scotland. Mapping out the Scottish Leaders Forum workstream, looking at the extent to which systems of budgeting, financial reporting and accountability supports an outcomes-based approach.
 - **12 November** – Police Governance Roundtable. Chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, the Group reflected on governance and accountability in policing in Scotland and each member provided an update on progress this year.
 - **13 November** – Claire Stuart, The Promise. Progress discussion around taking forward the Human and Economic Cost Model work from the Independent Care Review.
 - **18 November** – Annual Planning Guidance Conference.
 - **27 November** – SOLACE Branch meeting. The Interim Chair of the Commission and I were invited back to continue building the working relationship with SOLACE, in advance of going to the Local Government and Communities Committee in January.

Forthcoming activities

3. My upcoming engagements in December include:
 - **01 December** – Stephen Reid, EY. General catch-up.
 - **02 December** – Scottish Leaders Forum Accountability & Incentives Action Group.
 - **04 December** – ACCA Conference. Panel session on Sustainable Development Goals, along with Auditors General from Finland and Afghanistan.

Conclusion

4. Commission members are invited to note this report.

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