

472nd meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

**Thursday 8 October 2020, 9.30am
& Thursday 22 October 2020, 9.30am**

by video conference

**NB: This meeting will take place over two separate days
(* This item will be considered on 22 October)**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
- 3. Order of business**

The Chair seeks approval of business, including proposing taking items 10 to 16 in private (** see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

- 4. Minutes of meeting of 10 and 24 September 2020**
- 5. Audit Scotland Board update**
Report by the Secretary.
- 6. Best Value Assurance Report: Aberdeenshire Council**
Report by the Controller of Audit.

Business for information in public

- 7. Secretary's update report**
Report by the Secretary.
- 8. Interim Chair's update report**
Report by the Interim Chair.
- 9. Controller of Audit's update report**
Report by the Controller of Audit.

Business requiring decisions in private

- 10. Best Value Assurance Report: Aberdeenshire Council**
The Commission will decide its action for item 6.
- 11. Interim report on mainstreaming equality**
Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group
- 12. * Planning guidance 2020/21**
Report by the Secretary.

13. Ethical Standards Commissioner consultation - Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland

Report by the Secretary.

14. * Best Value Working Group update

Report by the Secretary.

15. Audit appointment extension confirmation

Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.

Business for information in private

16. * New audit appointments update

Report by the Interim Chair.

Any other business

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The Chair will advise if there is any other business to be considered by the Commission.

** It is proposed that items 10 to 17 be considered in private because:

- Item 10 requires the Commission to consider actions in relation to a report by the Controller of Audit. The Commission is then obliged by statute to inform the appropriate council of its decisions, which the Commission does before making the decision public.
- Item 11 requires the Commission to discuss confidential staffing matters.
- Item 12 requires the Commission to discuss confidential policy matters.
- Item 13 proposes a draft response to a consultation exercise which the Commission is to consider before publishing.
- Item 14 requires the Commission to discuss confidential policy matters.
- Item 15 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 16 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 17 may be required if there are any confidential matters that require to be discussed outwith the public domain. The Interim Chair will inform the meeting in public at the start of the meeting if this item is required and what it covers.

The following papers are enclosed for this meeting:

| Agenda item | Paper number |
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| Agenda item 4: Minutes of meeting of 10 and 24 September 2020 | AC.2020.9.1 |
| Agenda item 5: Report by the Secretary to the Commission | AC.2020.9.2 |
| Agenda item 6: Report by Controller of Audit | AC.2020.9.3 |
| Agenda item 7: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2020.9.4 |
| Agenda item 8: Report by Interim Chair | AC.2020.9.5 |
| Agenda item 9: Report by Controller of Audit | AC.2020.9.6 |
| Agenda item 11: Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group | AC.2020.9.7 |
| Agenda item 12: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2020.9.8 |
| Agenda item 13: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2020.9.9 |
| Agenda item 14: Report by Secretary to the Commission | AC.2020.9.10 |
| Agenda item 15: Report by Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments | AC.2020.9.11 |
| Agenda item 16: Report by Interim Chair | AC.2020.9.12 |