

484th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

Thursday 11 November 2021, 9.30am

by video conference and public livestream

Agenda

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

The Chair seeks approval of business, including proposing taking items 11 to 16 in private (* see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

4. **Minutes of meeting of 7 October 2021**
5. **Draft Communications and Engagement Strategy**
Report by the Head of Communications and Public Affairs.
6. **Housing Benefit Performance Audit Annual Review**
Report by the Director of Audit Services.

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. **Interim Controller of Audit update report**
Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

Any other public business

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

Business requiring decisions in private

11. **Consultation: The replacement of the Scottish Qualifications Agency and the reform of Education Scotland – draft response**
Report by the Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
12. **Audit Scotland website: e-hubs**
Report by the Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.

13. The National Fraud Initiative

Report by the Director of Audit Services.

14. Best Value Working Group update

Report by the Secretary.

15. Digital update

Report by the Digital Services Manager.

Any other private business

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

* It is proposed that items 11 to 16 be considered in private because:

- Item 11 proposes a response to a consultation exercise which the Commission is to consider before publishing.
- Item 12 may require the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 13 may require the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 14 may require the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 15 will require the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 16 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.