

MEETING: 15 APRIL 2021

REPORT BY: CONTROLLER OF AUDIT

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Purpose

1. This report provides an update on my engagement activity following my confirmation as Interim Controller of Audit by the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning on 16 March 2021.

Engagement

2. Please note below my engagements in March:
 - **19, 23 and 30 March** – Transition planning and handover discussions with Fraser McKinlay.
 - **22 March** – COSLA/Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe). Local government finances meeting.
 - **23 March** – Four Nations (National Audit Office, Audit Scotland, Wales Audit Office, Northern Ireland Audit Office) Covid-19 co-ordination meeting.
 - **24 March** – Audit Scotland Board meeting.
 - **26 March** – Scottish Leaders Forum (SLF) accountabilities and incentives action group meeting. This cross-public service action group is looking at the extent to which systems of budgeting, financial reporting and performance accountability support are outcomes-based and aligned to National Performance Framework (NPF) goals.
 - **29 March** – Audit Partners meeting. This meeting considered the impact of Covid-19 on audited bodies, our joint approach to following the pandemic pound audit work and early issues arising from this year’s annual audit work.
 - **31 March** – Joe Griffin, Director General Education and Justice. Initial meeting to discuss areas of shared interest and future joint working.

Conclusion

3. Commission members are invited to note this report.

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Interim Controller of Audit
31 March 2021