

478th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

**Thursday 15 April 2021, 9.00am
by video conference**

Agenda

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

The Chair seeks approval of business, including proposing taking items 9 to 21 in private (* see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

4. **Minutes of meeting of 11 March 2021**
5. **Audit Scotland Board update**
Report by the Secretary.

Business for information in public

6. **Interim Chair's update report**
Report by the Interim Chair.
7. **Controller of Audit's 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

9. **Work programme: stakeholder consultation feedback 2021**
Report by the Secretary.
10. **Strategy and work programme: joint work programme proposals**
Report by the Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
11. **Local Government Benchmarking Framework: National Benchmarking Overview Report 2019/20**
Report by the Secretary.
12. **Local government in Scotland: overview 2021 – draft report**
Report by Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
13. **Mainstreaming equalities: progress – draft report**
Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group.

14. Equality outcomes 2021-25

Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group.

15. Best Value update

Report by the Secretary.

16. New audit appointments update

Report by the Interim Chair.

17. Draft Code of Audit Practice

Report by the Secretary.

18. Addendum to Audit Planning Guidance

Report by the Secretary.

Business for information in private

19. Secretary's update report

Report by the Secretary.

20. Audit Scotland update

Verbal report by Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland.

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 9 to 21 be considered in private because:

- Item 9 reports on the outcome of a stakeholder consultation which includes matters which may affect the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary election.
- Item 10 proposes a draft work programme which includes matters which may affect the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary election.
- Item 11 includes discussion with representatives of the Local Government Benchmarking Board which includes matters which may affect the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary election.
- Item 12 proposes a draft audit report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 13 proposes a draft report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 14 proposes a draft report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 15 requires the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 16 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 17 requires the Commission to discuss confidential policy matters.

- Item 18 requires the Commission to discuss confidential policy matters.
- Item 19 includes reference to public policy matters which may affect the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary election.
- Item 20 requires the Commission to consider confidential business matters.
- Item 21 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
Agenda item 4: Minutes of meeting of 11 March 2021	AC.2021.4.1
Agenda item 5: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.2
Agenda item 6: Report by Interim Chair	AC.2021.4.3
Agenda item 7: Report by Interim Controller of Audit	AC.2021.4.4
Agenda item 9: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.5
Agenda item 10: Report by Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value	AC.2021.4.6
Agenda item 11: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.7
Agenda item 12: Report by Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value	AC.2021.4.8
Agenda item 13: Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group	AC.2021.4.9
Agenda item 14: Report by Chair of Audit Scotland Equalities and Human Rights Steering Group	AC.2021.4.10
Agenda item 15: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.11
Agenda item 16: Report by Interim Chair	AC.2021.4.12
Agenda item 17: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.13

Agenda item 18: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.14
Agenda item 19: Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2021.4.15