

479th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

**Thursday 13 May 2021, 9.30am
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 10 to 20 in private (* see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

4. **Minutes of meeting of 15 April 2021**
5. **Annual governance review**
Report by the Secretary.

Business for information in public

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

Any other public business

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

Business requiring decisions in private

10. **Quality of public audit in Scotland: Draft report**
Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.
11. **Commission Annual Report: Draft**
Report by the Secretary.
12. **Best Value update**
Report by the Secretary.
13. **New audit appointments: Update by Interim Chair**
Report by Interim Chair

14. **New audit appointments – Principles for building audit portfolios**
Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.
15. **New audit appointments – Principles for identifying audits to retain in Audit Scotland**
Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments
16. **New audit appointments – Confidentiality**
Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.
17. **New audit appointments: Code of Audit Practice: Draft**
Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.
18. **New audit appointments Procurement Strategy**
Report by Corporate Finance Manager

Business for information in private

19. **Strategic Scrutiny Group update**
Report by the Secretaries to Strategic Scrutiny Group.

Any other private business

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

* It is proposed that items 10 to 20 be considered in private because:

- Item 10 requires the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 11 requires the Commission to consider a confidential legal matter and proposes a draft policy which the Commission is to consider before publishing.
- Item 12 requires the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.
- Item 13 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 14 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual 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 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 18 requires the Commission to consider confidential commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 19 presents an update on discussions with strategic scrutiny partners which may include confidential policy matters that the Commission would wish to discuss in private before proceeding.
- Item 20 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.