

MEETING: 10 JUNE 2021

REPORT BY: INTERIM CONTROLLER OF AUDIT

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Purpose

1. This report provides an update on my engagement activity during May 2021.

Engagement

2. Please note below my engagements in May:
 - **5 May** – Tim McKay, Chair, Financial Audit and Assurance Committee. Introductory meeting on how best to support the Chair and the Committee.
 - **6 May** – Local Government Sector Forum meeting.
 - **10 May** – Sarah Gadsden, Chief Executive, Improvement Service – quarterly update meeting.
 - **12 May** – Sally Loudon, Chief Executive, COSLA – general introductory engagement meeting.
 - **12 May** – Audit Scotland Audit Committee meeting.
 - **13 May** – Accounts Commission meeting.
 - **14 May** – Nicola Killeen and David Sinclair, Sistema Scotland – planning meeting ahead of the first of two evaluation workshops on 24 May.
 - **24 May** – Sistema Scotland Evaluation workshop – this was the first of two workshops to help Sistema Scotland to develop their evaluation strategy with input from community representatives, Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH), the Improvement Service, Scottish Government, Stirling Council, Dundee City Council, Aberdeen City Council, and Education Scotland.
 - **26 May** – Scottish Leaders Forum (SLF) Accountability and Incentives Action Group.
 - **26 May** – New Audit Appointments (NAA) Steering Group.
 - **26 May** – Community Planning Improvement Board (CPIB) – this meeting focused on the role of Community Planning in supporting Covid-19 recovery efforts and involved a deep dive focus on inequalities with Public Health Scotland presenting research/evidence on this theme to support the Board's discussion.
 - **31 May** – Audit Quality Committee – interim meeting. Follow up to the AQC meeting on 28 April updating quality actions.

Forthcoming activities

3. My upcoming engagements in June include:
 - **7 June** – BV in IJBs Advisory Group.
 - **9 June** – Local Government Quarterly Forum.
 - **11 June** – Steve Grimmond, SOLACE.

- **14 June** – Audit Partners meeting.
- **29 June** – Catriona MacLean, Deputy Director, Public Service Reform, Scottish Government.

4. Commission members are invited to note this report.

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