

# 480th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

# Thursday 10 June 2021, 9.30am by video conference & 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 12 to 18 in private (\* see note).

## Business requiring decisions in public

- 4. Minutes of meeting of 13 May 2021
- 5. Minutes of meetings of Commission committees of 27 May 2021
- 6. Audit Scotland Board update

Report by the Secretary.

7. Best Value Assurance Report: Aberdeen City Council

Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

#### **Business for information in public**

8. Secretary's update report

Report by the Secretary.

9. Interim Chair's update report

Report by the Interim Chair.

10. Interim Controller of Audit 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

#### 12. Best Value Assurance Report: Aberdeen City Council

Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

#### 13. Local government financial overview 2020/21: scope

Report by the Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.

#### 14. Accounts Commission Strategy

Report by the Secretary.

## 15. Best Value update

Report by the Secretary.

# 16. New audit appointments update

Verbal update by Interim Chair.

# 17. Commission meeting arrangements 2022

Report by the Secretary.

## 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 12 to 18 be considered in private because:
  - Item 12 requires the Commission to consider actions in relation to a report by the Controller of Audit. The Commission is then obliged by statute to inform the appropriate council of its decisions, which the Commission does before making the decision public.
  - Item 13 requires the Commission to discuss the scope of an overview report which may require consideration of confidential policy matters in advance of audit work and subsequent publication.
  - Item 14 requires the Commission to consider a draft strategy document in advance of its publication, which may require consideration of confidential policy matters.
  - Items 15 and 16 require the Commission to consider matters in relation to Best Value and new audit appointments process, which may require consideration of confidential commercial and contractual matters.
  - Item 17 requires the Commission to consider meeting arrangements, which may include matters relating to the welfare or conditions of staff.
  - Item 18 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.