

482nd meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

Thursday 9 September 2021, 9.30am

by video conference and 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 11 to 17 in private (* see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

- 4. Minutes of meeting of 12 August 2021**
- 5. Minutes of meetings of Commission committees of 26 August 2021**
- 6. Best Value Assurance Report: East Dunbartonshire Council**

Report by the Secretary.

Business for information in public

- 7. Secretary's update report**
- 8. Interim Chair's update report**
- 9. Interim Controller of Audit's update report**

Report by the Secretary.

Report by the Interim Chair.

Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

Any other public business

- 10. 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

- 11. Best Value Assurance Report: East Dunbartonshire Council**
- 12. The impact of Covid-19 on Scottish councils' benefit services – a thematic study**

The Commission will consider the actions it wishes to take on item 6.

Report by the Director of Audit Services.

13. Briefing scope: Scotland's economy - Supporting businesses through the Covid-19 pandemic and planning Scotland's economic recovery

Report introduced by Antony Clark

14. Planning guidance 2021/22

Report by the Secretary.

15. Commission Strategy 2021-26

Report by the Secretary.

16. Strategic Scrutiny Group update

Report by Interim Director of Performance Audit and best Value.

17. Best Value Working Group update

Report by the Secretary.

Any other private business

18. 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 11 to 17 be considered in private because:

- Item 11 requires the Commission to consider actions in relation to a report by the Interim 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 12 proposes a draft audit report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 13 proposes a draft scope document which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 14 requires the Commission to consider draft planning guidance in advance of its publication, which may require consideration of confidential policy matters.
- Item 15 requires the Commission to consider a draft strategy document in advance of its publication, which may require consideration of confidential policy matters.
- Item 16 requires the Commission to consider matters in relation to strategic scrutiny planning, which may require consideration of confidential policy matters.
- Item 17 requires the Commission to consider matters in relation to the development of its approach to auditing Best Value, which may require consideration of confidential policy matters.