

486th meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

Thursday 10 February 2021, 9.30am

& Thursday 17 February 2021, 9.15am

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 12 to 19 in private (* see note).

Business requiring decisions in public

4. Minutes of meeting of 10 December 2021

5. Audit Scotland Board update

6. Best Value Assurance Progress Report: Moray Council

Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

7. Secretary's update report

Report by the Secretary.

8. Scottish Budget briefing 2022/23

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

Business for information in public

9. Chair's update report

Report by the Chair.

10. Interim Controller of Audit update report

Report by the Interim Controller of Audit.

Any other public business

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The 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 Progress Report – follow-up: Moray Council

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

13. Draft briefing: Scotland's economy: Supporting businesses through the Covid-19 pandemic

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

14. Draft publication: Drug and alcohol services

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

15. ** Draft report - Local Government Financial Overview 2020/21

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

16. ** Emerging messages - Local Government Overview 2022

Report by the Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value

Business for information in private

17. Best Value Working Group update

Report by the Secretary.

18. New audit appointments update

Report by the Associate Director, Audit Quality and Appointments.

19. Strategic Scrutiny Group update

Secretary to the Strategic Scrutiny Group.

Any other private business

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

* It is proposed that items 12 to 19 be considered in private because:

- Item 12 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.
- Items 13 to 15 propose draft publications which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 16 requires the Commission to consider emerging messages from a performance audit report which may require consideration of confidential audit matters in advance of further audit work.
- Items 17 and 18 may require the Commission to consider confidential policy, commercial and contractual matters.
- Item 19 requires the Commission to consider confidential policy matters.

** These items will be considered by the Commission on 17 February.