

MEETING: 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

REPORT BY: INTERIM CONTROLLER OF AUDIT

INTERIM CONTROLLER OF AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

Purpose

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

Engagement

2. Please note below my engagements in August:

- **1 August** – Quarterly engagement meeting with Audit Scotland’s Communications Manager.
- **4 August** – Early learning and childcare scope discussion with the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS), Commission sponsors (Sophie Flemig and Geraldine Wooley) and the team.
- **4 August** – Scottish Leaders Forum (SLF) Accountability and Incentives Action Group.
- **9 August** – Community Planning Improvement Board (CIPB) meeting focusing on promoting the well-being of children and young people.
- **11 August** – Accounts Commission meeting.
- **16 August** – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) post clearance discussion with the team.
- **17 August** – Monthly catch up with the Correspondence team.
- **18 August** – Risk Management (facilitated by Wylie & Bisset) and Digital Security session (facilitated by David Robertson, Digital Services Manager) for the Audit Scotland Board and Executive Team.
- **18 August** – Local Government Sector Forum.
- **25 August** – Performance Audit Committee (PAC) and Financial Audit and Assurance Committee (FAAC) meetings.
- **25 August** – Local Government Overview (LGO) scope discussion with Commission sponsor Tim McKay and the audit team.
- **31 August** – Scottish Commission for Public Audit (SCPA) informal business planning day.

Forthcoming activities

3. My upcoming engagements in September include:

- **1 September** – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar BVAR pre Commission Q&A session.
- **2 September** – Meeting with Paul Johnston, Director General Communities, Scottish Government, and Sally Loudon, Chief Executive, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) to discuss the audit implications of the proposed funding arrangements for addressing local government pay pressures. John Cornett, Executive Director of Audit Services Group and Paul O'Brien, Senior Manager, Professional Support are also attending this meeting.
- **5 – 16 September** – Annual leave.
- **21 September** – Accounts Commission Strategy Seminar.
- **29 September** – Monthly catch up with Bill Moyes and Paul Reilly.
- **29 September** – Best Value Working Group.

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