

**450<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland**  
**Thursday 11 October 2018, 10.15am**  
**in the offices of Audit Scotland, 102 West Port, Edinburgh**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Declarations of interest.**
3. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Commission will consider whether to take items 12 to 15 in private (\* see note).
4. **Minutes of meeting of 13 September 2018**
5. **Minutes of meeting of Financial Audit and Assurance Committee of 27 September 2018**
6. **Minutes of meeting of Performance Audit Committee of 27 September 2018**
7. **Audit Scotland Board update:** The Commission will consider a verbal report by the Chair and Secretary to the Commission.
8. **Update report by the Secretary to the Commission:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
9. **Update report by the Controller of Audit:** The Commission will consider a verbal report by the Controller of Audit providing an update on his recent activity.
10. **Briefing: Reducing child poverty:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
11. **Best Value Assurance Report: East Lothian Council:** The Commission will consider a report by the Controller of Audit.  
  
*The following items are proposed to be considered in private:\**
12. **Best Value Assurance Report: East Lothian Council:** The Commission will consider the actions that it wishes to take.
13. **Local government financial overview: emerging messages:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
14. **Potential implications of EU withdrawal for public bodies:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
15. **Commission business matters:** The Commission will discuss matters of interest.

\* It is proposed that items 12 to 15 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 council in question of its decision, which the Commission does before making the decision public.
- Item 13 proposes a draft audit report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 14 proposes a paper containing policy matters which the Commission may wish to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 15 may be required if there are any confidential matters that require to be discussed outwith the public domain. The Chair will inform the meeting in public at the start of the meeting if this item is required and what it covers.

The following papers are enclosed for this meeting:

| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Paper number</b> |
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| <b>Agenda Item 4:</b><br>Minutes of meeting of 13 September 2018  | AC.2018.9.1         |
| <b>Agenda Item 5:</b><br>Minutes of meeting Financial Audit and Assurance Committee of 27 September 2018. | AC.2018.9.2         |
| <b>Agenda Item 6:</b><br>Minutes of meeting Performance Audit Committee of 27 September 2018              | AC.2018.9.3         |
| <b>Agenda Item 7:</b><br>Report by Secretary to the Commission  | AC.2018.9.4         |
| <b>Agenda Item 8:</b><br>Report by Secretary to the Commission  | AC.2018.9.5         |
| <b>Agenda Item 10:</b><br>Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value                          | AC.2018.9.6         |
| <b>Agenda Item 11:</b><br>Report by Controller of Audit   | AC.2018.9.7         |
| <b>Agenda Item 13:</b><br>Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value                          | AC.2018.9.8         |
| <b>Agenda Item 14:</b><br>Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value                          | AC.2018.9.9         |