

**451st meeting of the Accounts Commission for Scotland**  
**Thursday 8 November 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 10 to 13 in private (\* see note).
4. **Minutes of meeting of 11 October 2018**
5. **Audit Scotland Board update:** The Commission will consider a verbal report by the Chair and Secretary to the Commission.
6. **Update report by the Secretary to the Commission:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
7. **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.
8. **Statutory performance information: 2018 Direction:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
9. **Best Value Assurance Report: Dumfries and Galloway Council:** The Commission will consider a report by the Controller of Audit.  
  
*The following items are proposed to be considered in private:\**
10. **Best Value Assurance Report: Dumfries and Galloway Council:** The Commission will consider the actions that it wishes to take.
11. **Local government in Scotland: financial overview 2018 - draft report:** The Commission will consider a report by the Director of Performance Audit and Best Value.
12. **Mid-year strategy seminar: outputs and actions:** The Commission will consider a report by the Secretary to the Commission.
13. **Commission business matters:** The Commission will discuss matters of interest.

\* It is proposed that items 10 to 13 be considered in private because:

- Item 10 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 11 proposes a draft audit report which the Commission is to consider in private before publishing.
- Item 12 is likely to include consideration of confidential policy matters.
- Item 13 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>
<b>Agenda Item 4:</b> Minutes of meeting of 11 October 2018	AC.2018.10.1
<b>Agenda Item 5:</b> Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2018.10.2
<b>Agenda Item 6:</b> Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2018.10.3
<b>Agenda Item 8:</b> Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2018.10.4
<b>Agenda Item 9:</b> Report by Controller of Audit	AC.2018.10.5
<b>Agenda Item 11:</b> Report by Director of Performance Audit and Best Value	AC.2018.10.6
<b>Agenda Item 12:</b> Report by Secretary to the Commission	AC.2018.10.7