

Minutes of Meeting of the
Accounts Commission held in the
offices of Audit Scotland, 110
George Street on Wednesday 4
May 2005 at 2.30pm

PRESENT: I Low (in the Chair)
A Alexander
J Baillie
J Couper
K Geddes
A Leslie
M Raj
I Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE: C Gardner, Deputy Auditor General and Controller of Audit
D Pia, Director of Performance Audit (Local Government)
R Nicol, Assistant Director of Performance Audit
M Walker, Best Value Audit Manager
W F Magee, Secretary

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	Apologies
2.	Chair
3.	Best Value Audit of Inverclyde Council

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ann Faulds, Peter McKinlay and Alastair MacNish.

2. Chair

In the absence of Alastair MacNish, Isabelle Low occupied the Chair.

3. Best Value Audit of Inverclyde Council

Keith Geddes declared an interest in respect of this item of business in respect of his company's involvement in two transactions with Inverclyde Council.

There was submitted a report by the Secretary introducing the Controller of Audit's report on the Best Value audit of Inverclyde Council. The Controller of Audit's report was made to the Commission under section 102(1)(c) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. There was also submitted a letter dated 29 April 2005 from the Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council advising the Commission of actions taken by him to address issues raised by the Controller of Audit's report.

The Controller of Audit and Performance Audit staff answered questions by Commission members. Following extensive discussion the Commission continued consideration of the Controller of Audit's report to a further meeting to be held on 11 May 2005.