

SR 2002/4 PROGRESS REPORT ON SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**FINDINGS**

The Accounts Commission has considered the Controller of Audit's progress report on Scottish Borders Council dated 6 November 2002. The Commission is pleased to note the overall improvement in the Council's financial position and in the arrangements for the financial management of the Council's education service and it accepts the Controller of Audit's conclusions. The Commission shares the Controller of Audit's view that the Council needs to maintain the momentum of its progress in order to secure the benefits from the improvements which have been made. The Council's progress will continue to be monitored through the normal audit reporting process.