

National Scrutiny Plan for Local Government 2012/13

Council	Date TBC	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Aberdeen City		ISLA 20		MR 3		HBW 2		SHR 0					
Aberdeenshire	MR 3	HBW 2	SHR SE 0					FBV 10					
Angus	HBW 2	CSI 168	SHR SE 2	MR 3									
Argyll & Bute	MR 3				SHR SE 0		VSE 66				CSI 170		
Clackmannanshire	MR 3					HBW 2							
Dumfries & Galloway	MR 3						Education 40						HBW 2
Dundee City	MR 3				FBV 15								
East Ayrshire			MR 3					SHR SE 0					
East Dunbartonshire		VSE 56			MR 3	CSI 168							
East Lothian	MR 3							HBW 2					
East Renfrewshire	MR 3		SHR/AS 12						SHR SE 0				
City of Edinburgh		CR 20	SHR SE 0	MR 3	HBW 2		BV 45	BV/CSI	CSI 169				
Eilean Siar	MR 3	HBW 0		EPS 7			PBV 5						
Falkirk					MR 3								
Fife				SHR SE 0	MR 3		SHR SE 0						
Glasgow City		HBW 2		MR 3		SHR 0							
Highland	MR 3	BV (ChAP) 1											
Inverclyde	MR 3												
Midlothian	MR 3	HBW 0			EPS 8							SHR 25	
Moray	MR 3				SHR 0				FBV 10				
North Ayrshire			MR 3					VSE 56			CSI 170		
North Lanarkshire	MR 3												
Orkney Islands		MR 3						SHR SE 10	CSI 169	CI/Auditor 8			
Perth & Kinross			MR 3				CR 10		SHR 6		HBW 0		
Renfrewshire			ISLA 20		MR 3						VSE 56		
Scottish Borders			MR 3										
Shetland Islands			MR 3			HBW 2			PBV 10				
South Ayrshire		MR 3	ISLA 20									HBW 2	
South Lanarkshire	MR 3						SHR 6				HBW 2		
Stirling	MR 3							HBW 2					SHR 12
West Dunbartonshire			ISLA 20	SHR SE 20	MR 3								
West Lothian	VSE 56	MR 3	HBW 2			SHR SE 2							

KEY 73 – Number of inspector days

Audit Scotland (AS)	
Best Value (BV)	
Focused Best Value (FBV)	
Best Value progress report (PBV)	
Maintaining roads follow up (MR)	
Housing Benefit Work (HBW)	
Care Inspectorate	
Initial Service Level Assessment (ISLA)	
Children's Service Inspection (CSI)	
Collaborative working (CW)	
Education Scotland	
Education (E)	
Council requested (CR)	
Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) requested by council	
Educational Psychology Services follow up (EPS)	
HMICS/AS	
Scottish Housing Regulator	
Scrutiny (SHR)	
Supported self evaluation activity (SHR SE)	

Notes:

- For operational reasons or for the convenience of the council the exact timing of some of the activity may be subject to change.
- The focus of the National Scrutiny Plan (NSP) is strategic scrutiny activity, that is scrutiny activity which is focused at corporate or whole service level. There will also be baseline scrutiny activity at unit level on-going throughout the period of the NSP. This will include, for example, school and residential home inspections.
- At the request of Scottish Ministers the Care Inspectorate will lead a Joint Inspection of Children's Services in each local authority area in Scotland. These inspections will commence in 2012/13 and start with a development site in April/May 2012 and commence a cycle of inspection of services for children which will report publicly from Autumn 2012. The selection of local authority areas for inspection will be based on intelligence and risk and take account of the Shared Risk Assessment. The children's services inspections detailed in the NSP are reflected in the Care Inspectorate's inspection plan 2012/13 which is currently with Ministers for approval. The Care Inspectorate is also in the process of considering a request from Scottish Ministers to develop an integrated approach to inspecting adult services on partnership with other scrutiny bodies. This work will draw on their children's services inspection experience.
- Audit Scotland are working with scrutiny partners to develop an approach to assessing the delivery of outcomes by community planning partnerships. Audit sites will be confirmed in due course.
- Audit Scotland undertake an annual rolling programme of thematic performance audits. The fieldwork sites are identified as part of the development of the scope for each individual audit. Fieldwork sites will be confirmed as each audit is developed.
- Scrutiny bodies reserve the right to make unannounced visits and to respond to any issues arising during the year.