

ROLE DESCRIPTION

COMMISSION MEMBER

Your primary role as a board member is to provide active leadership for the body and to promote commitment to its core values, policies and objectives and to ensure it meets Ministerial aims.

One of the key roles of every board member is to provide a strong ‘challenge function’, carefully scrutinising plans and underlying assumptions before decisions are taken. In exercising this function, you should be prepared to challenge senior officers of Audit Scotland, and if necessary, other board members.

It is important to note that the role of a member of the Accounts Commission goes beyond the strictly non-executive role in other public boards, since you are required to agree the content of audit reports and findings associated with audit work, all of which is published in the public domain.

Through strong team working you will promote commitment to the core values, policies and objectives of the Accounts Commission and to ensuring the Accounts Commission meets its aims. Your other duties will include:

- Consider and, as appropriate, contribute, approve and take action on:
 - the Accounts Commission’s overall strategy;
 - the appointment of auditors, and the quality control review of auditors’ performance;
 - statutory reports by the Controller of Audit, including Best Value reports, reaching findings and recommendations and attending hearings as required, and contributing to the continuing development of the Best Value audit process;
 - performance audit studies, which examine value for money issues across public bodies, and the outcome of individual studies;
 - general issues arising from the audits, including an annual review of performance in local government; and
 - the Accounts Commission’s policy on performance information, including approving an annual Direction.
- Contribute to:
 - the Accounts Commission’s co-ordination of the activities of the various local government inspectorates, to ensure the development of proportionate and risk-based scrutiny of local government;

- the development of, and responses to, policy in relation to the strategic scrutiny response to the wider public service reform agenda; and
- submissions by the Accounts Commission to consultative and other exercises by Government, Parliamentary and other bodies.
- Represent the Accounts Commission at liaison meetings with external bodies, conferences, media events etc.

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