

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: LOCAL CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL AUDIT REPORTS
Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides Audit Committee with a summary of the National Audit Reports produced by Audit Scotland during 2014 -15 and where these reports have subsequently been considered.

2. NATIONAL REPORTS

- 2.1 Reports are produced by Audit Scotland to provide findings of work undertaken in areas of national interest. These include reports relating to procurement, self-directed support and community planning partnerships.
- 2.2 The reports are aimed at determining areas of best practice which can be considered by Local Authorities when developing or reviewing their policies and practice.

3. LOCAL CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL REPORTS

- 3.1 The Council has a clearly defined process for dealing with all National Audit Reports provided by Audit Scotland to ensure the reports are dealt with effectively. A copy of the process, which was developed with the support of the Council's External Audit Manager, is attached at Appendix 1 for information.
- 3.2 Appendix 2 provides a table noting where each report was considered.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

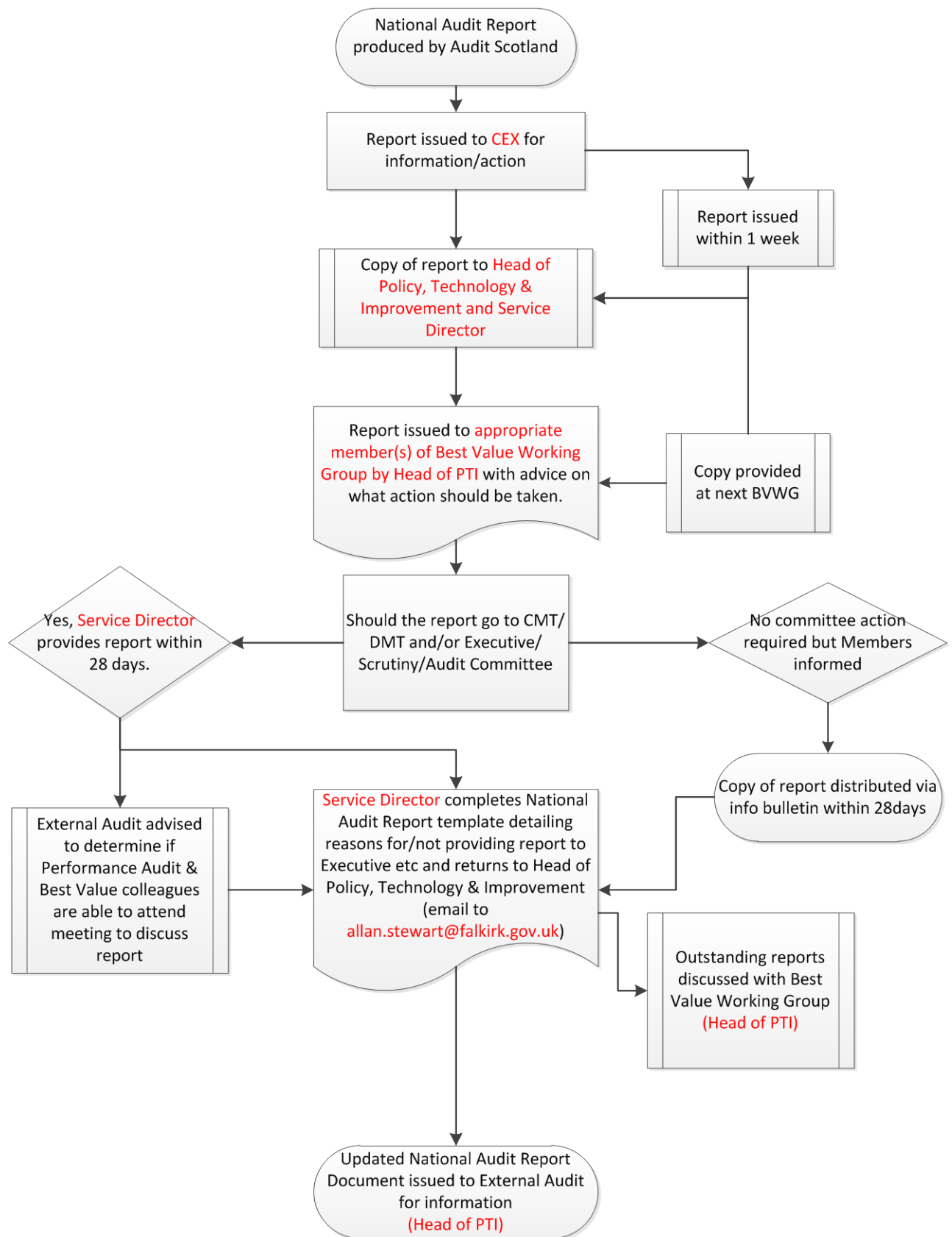
- 4.1 Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the reports provided by Audit Scotland and how these have been considered.

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Local Consideration of National Audit Report Flowchart

Appendix 1



Report title	Published	Report formally considered and reported to committee
An Overview of local government in Scotland 2015	March 2015	To go to Scrutiny Committee May 2015
Self-Directed Support	June 2014	Report due to be provided to Executive Committee. A response to the Scottish Governments Monitoring and Evaluation Questionnaire was provided in August 2014.
Falkirk Community Planning Partnership	May 2014	Considered by Falkirk Council on 8 th October 2014.
Procurement in Councils	April 2014	Report considered by Scrutiny Committee on 1/12/14
Modern apprenticeships	March 2014	Information Bulletin in December 2014. A specific report on Modern Apprentices will be prepared after the end of Financial Year
An overview of local government in Scotland 2014	March 2014	Reported to the Scrutiny Committee on 31 st October 2014.
Options Appraisal: are you getting it right?	March 2014	Reported to the Scrutiny Committee on 31 st October 2014.
Reshaping Care For Older People	February 2014	Falkirk CHP Partnership Board considered report.