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# **Agenda Item**

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## **Local Consideration of National Reports 2016/17**

**Falkirk Council**

**Title:** Local Consideration of National Reports 2016/17  
**Meeting:** Audit Committee  
**Date:** 21 August 2017  
**Submitted By:** Director of Corporate & Housing Services

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary list of reports produced by Audit Scotland which have been considered by the Council.

**2. Recommendation**

**2.1 Committee is asked:-**

**(1) to note the list of reports provided by Audit Scotland and which committees the reports have been presented to.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Reports are produced by Audit Scotland to provide findings of work undertaken in areas of national interest. These include reports relating to procurement, major capital investment and finance.
- 3.2 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.

**4. Considerations**

- 4.1 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. The process was developed with the support of the Council's External Audit Manager.
- 4.2 A summary of the reports received from Audit Scotland and details of the committee where each report was considered is attached at Appendix 1 for information. The list follows on from the reports submitted to Audit Committee on 18 April 2016.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Services have provided details of the committees where the reports have been presented to.

## **6. Implications**

### **Financial**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Resources**

- 6.2 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

### **Legal**

- 6.3 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **Risk**

- 6.4 There are no direct risk implications arising from this information report.

### **Equalities**

- 6.5 A separate equality and poverty impact assessment (EPIA) is not required for this report.

### **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

- 6.6 An environmental impact assessment (EIA) is not required for this report.

## **7. Conclusions**

- 7.1 This report provides details of the reports provided by Audit Scotland and the committees the reports have been presented to. Each report will have specific implications which in turn have been considered by the individual committee. This report is therefore provided for information purposes only..

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix One – List of national reports

### **List of Background Papers:**

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

- None

## Local Consideration of National Reports 2016/17

Report Title	Date of Publication	Report formally considered and reported to committee
National Scrutiny Plan for Local Government 2017/18	May 2017	Will be reported to Scrutiny Committee on 17 August 2017
Local Scrutiny Plan – Falkirk Council	May 2017	Will be reported to Scrutiny Committee on 17 August 2017
Accounts Commission Annual Report 2016/17	May 2017	Copy issued to Group Leaders for noting
Principles for a digital future	May 2017	Will be presented to Scrutiny Committee on 17 August 2017
Falkirk Council Annual Audit 2015/16	March 2017	Reported to Audit Committee on 26 September 2017
Falkirk Integration Joint Board annual audit 2015/16	March 2016	Reported to IJB Audit Committee on 22 September 2016
Falkirk Council Pension Fund annual audit 2015/16	March 2017	Reported to Pensions Committee on 22 September 2016
Local Government in Scotland: Performance and challenges 2017	March 2017	Links to and highlighted to new Members at induction. Will be reported to Scrutiny Committee on 17 August 2017
Falkirk Council: Best Value Audit Report	December 2016	Reported to Council in September and December 2016. Also reported to Audit Committee in September 2016.
Local Government in Scotland: Financial overview 2015/16	November 2016	Reported to Executive in January 2017
How Councils work - Roles and working relationships in Councils: are you still getting it right?	November 2016	Circulated to Members and highlighted to new members re induction
Social Work in Scotland	September 2016	Reported to Audit committee on 13 March 2017.
Maintaining Roads	August 2016	Reported to Scrutiny Committee in November 2016
The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland	June 2016	Embedded within external audit progress reports to committee
Changing models of Health & Social Care	March 2016	Reported considered by IJB Audit Committee on 27 Feb 2017.

Community Planning: an update	March 2016	Reported to Community Planning Leadership Board in March 2016. Reported to Council in September.
An overview of Local Government in Scotland 2016	March 2016	Reported to Scrutiny Committee on 15 September 2016.
Procurement in Councils – Impact Report	February 2016	Reported to Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2016
Major Capital Investments in Councils – Follow-up	January 2016	Reported to Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2016