

AC9. FALKIRK COUNCIL EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered Audit Scotland's External Audit Progress Update Report.

The report summarised:-

- Audit Scotland's Governance work, including a review of Internal Audit, internal controls, and the National Fraud Initiative;
- The outcomes of national performance studies including 'An Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2014', 'Procurement in Councils', and 'Falkirk Community Planning Partnership';
- The local performance audit work to be carried out, including 'Major Capital Investment in Councils' and 'Arms Length External Organisations (ALEOs); and
- The Assurance and Improvement Plan, and the planned focus on governance and accountability and performance management.

Members highlighted the value of collaborative working between Community Planning Partners, and sought clarification on the range of measures in place to facilitate joint activities including aligning resources. The Chief Executive confirmed that a workshop would take place during summer 2014 involving all partner agencies, focussing on their contributions to the priorities of the Community Planning Partnership.

Decision

The committee noted the report.