

AC10. MANAGEMENT LETTER: TARGETED FOLLOW UP AUDIT - ARM'S LENGTH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS: ARE YOU GETTING IT RIGHT?

The Committee considered Audit Scotland's findings of on its' targeted follow up work on Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs).

ALEOs are responsible for providing 'Council services', including leisure services, and for managing commercial operations including exhibition facilities and commercial properties. The Council remains accountable for the public funding provided to the ALEOs, and for the quality of the services.

Audit Scotland's review covered the undernoted ALEOs:-

- Falkirk Community Trust Ltd;
- Falkirk Community Stadium Ltd; and
- thinkWhere Ltd (formerly Forth Valley GIS Ltd).

Members highlighted the importance of appropriate scrutiny measures by the Council, and the accountability and transparency of the organisations. This included synchronicity of their service priorities with those of the funding providers.

Decision

The committee noted the report.