

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: LOCAL CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL AUDIT REPORTS**  
**Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 18 APRIL 2016**  
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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 2015 -16 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, major capital investment and finance.
- 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. The process was developed with the support of the Council's External Audit Manager.
- 3.2 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.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the reports provided by Audit Scotland and which Committee the reports have been presented to.

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**Local Consideration of National Reports 2015/16**

Report title	Published	Report formally considered and reported to committee
An overview of Local Government in Scotland 2016	<b>March 2016</b>	The report will be presented to Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2016
Procurement in Council – Impact Report	<b>February 2016</b>	The report will be presented to Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2016
Major Capital Investments in Council – Follow-up	<b>January 2016</b>	The report will be presented to Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2016
Health & Social Care Integration	<b>December 2015</b>	Report was presented to Council in December 2015
Borrowing and Treasury Management in Councils	<b>March 2015</b>	Report was presented to Scrutiny Committee on 20 August 2015; and to Executive on 29 September 2015