

AC27. National Audit Report and Inspection Overview

The Committee considered a report by Chief Finance Officer which provided an overview of national audit, scrutiny and inspection reports published since the previous Audit Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022.

A total of 6 reports had been published since the last meeting (4 by Audit Scotland, 1 by the Accounts Commission and 1 by the Care Inspectorate).

In relation to the report on child poverty, the Committee noted that action would primarily be led by Falkirk Council and asked if this was something that the Partnership would have involvement with, in relation to the whole family approached and dealing with the health and wellbeing of adults. In addition to this, the Committee asked if the radical action required on data would have an impact on capacity or resources.

The Chief Finance Officer said that in terms of the tackling child poverty report, the main focus of the report had been Scottish Government performance. However, the Integration Joint Board had a part to play in tackling child poverty alongside its Partners. In response to question about data and whether this would impact on capacity or resources, the Chief Finance Officer said that arguably it could. Having the right data should inform decisions and make the Board more effective. The Chief Officer reports received by the Board have highlighted the ongoing capacity challenges and work had been underway to introduce additional posts into the management team, particularly around performance management and project management.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.