

AC37. National Audit Report and Inspection Overview

The Committee considered a report by the Interim Chief Finance Officer which provided an overview of national audit, scrutiny and inspection reports published since the previous Audit Committee meeting held on 17 November 2023. A total of 8 reports had been published since the last meeting (1 by Care Inspectorate, 2 by Mental Welfare Commission and 5 by Audit Scotland).

The Interim Chief Finance Officer provided an overview of the report and advised that the further detail on the inspection reports from the Care Inspectorate and Mental Welfare Commission would be presented to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee. They continued to outline matters relating to the reports by Audit Scotland:-

- Falkirk Council Pension Fund annual audit plan 2022/23;
- The 2022/23 audit of NHS Forth Valley;
- A Renewed Focus on the Sustainability of Social Care;
- Local Government in Scotland Financial Bulletin 2022-23, and
- How the Accounts Commission holds Local Government to Account.

The Committee asked, what work had been undertaken to encourage applications in response to recruitment challenges. The Chief Officer advised that a range of activities, including roadshows, multimedia campaigns and collaboration with Forth Valley College and local schools had been undertaken. They added that there had been improvements in recruitment, however vacancies in social care remained a national issue.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.