

AUDIT SCOTLAND NATIONAL REPORTS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE 2011 - 2012

1. SUMMARY

In compliance with CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit, on a quarterly basis the Audit Committee receives Audit Scotland reports pertaining to Local Government. There are 3 reports appended for the Audit Committee and these finalise the reports for 2011 – 2012. Each report except the national report on the Commonwealth Games 2014 contains a checklist for which a management response has been provided.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and will be followed up by Internal Audit.

3. DETAILS

3.1 On 1 March 2012, Audit Scotland issued a report entitled, “Community and Social Care”. This report provides a summary looks at how well the public sector plans for, organises and delivers social care. Social care services range from supporting people with basic personal care such as washing and dressing to helping them with every aspect of their daily lives. People depending on these services include older people, vulnerable children, people with disabilities, and people with mental health problems, addictions or HIV/AIDS. The main points from the report have been appended.

3.2 On 15 March 2012, Audit Scotland issued a report entitled, “An overview of Local Government in Scotland, Challenges and Change 2012”. This report states that 32 councils spent around £21 billion in 2010/11 providing vital public services. They made savings mainly through pay restraint and reducing staff numbers. Pressures will continue from demand-led services like social work and housing.

3.3 Most council’s were found to have operated within their budgets for the financial year 2010/11 and accounts show a relatively stable financial position. The report stresses the need for sound governance, accountability and robust performance information. More work is needed to address a substantial backlog in maintaining buildings and roads and to achieve improvements in procurement. The key messages are appended along with a management response.

3.4 On 22 March 2012, Audit Scotland issued a report entitled, “Commonwealth Games 2014, 2nd position statement”. This report states that the main organisers (Commonwealth Games Scotland, the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow 2014 Ltd) are committed to delivering the Games to the required standard within the

approved £524 million budget. A key messages report is attached.

- 3.5 Full reports can either be viewed at http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/work/local_national.php 2011/12 or viewed in the Members Room where a copy has been made available.

4. CONCLUSIONS

This report is submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy:	None
5.2	Financial:	None
5.3	Legal:	None
5.4	HR:	None
5.5	Equalities:	None
5.6	Risk:	None
5.7	Customer Service:	None

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