

**AUDIT SCOTLAND/ACCOUNTS COMMISSION**  
**ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the Audit Scotland action plan, which was most recently approved by Members at the full Council in September 2014, following a visit from Audit Scotland in April last year. This follows on from the previous update which was provided to the Policy and Resources Committee in February 2015.
- 1.2 The majority of actions within the action plan are complete, with the remainder on track as per the agreed timescales.
- 1.3 Members will be aware that Audit Scotland are currently undertaking further work with the Council, to assess progress in the areas highlighted by the Accounts Commission in its findings in July 2014, with particular focus upon the effectiveness of political management arrangements, scrutiny, and roles and relationships, including between members and officers. As part of the audit work they will be speaking to a range of stakeholders, including elected members, council employees, community groups, MSPs and the local MP.
- 1.4 It is anticipated that Audit Scotland will conclude their site work by end August and will publish a report on their findings by the end of 2015. As per the process adopted for previous audit work, a report will be prepared for Members detailing the findings and any proposed actions for endorsement.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to;

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report and action plan update at appendix 1.

**20 July 2015**

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