

Urgent Motion

It was a matter of due process that the Audit Committee would first examine the issues raised by the Audit Scotland Review of the 2016-17 Budget Setting Process. This matter hasn't been included in the Council agenda for today. The Audit Committee meeting fell within the required notice period for a motion to Council so the Provost is requested to accept this motion as a matter of urgency so the Council can urgently address the issues of potential reputational damage to the Council. So if the Provost is of the opinion this is a matter of urgency under Standing Order 14.1:

The Council:

- Agrees the Audit Scotland Review of the 2016-17 Budget Setting Process raises serious concerns that require urgent consideration by all elected members and notes that this is not currently on this Council agenda as happened with previous reports.
- Notes the relevant decision of the Audit Committee - "The Audit Committee agreed the recommendations contained within Audit Scotland's report having received a clear management response that the 3 elements will be acted on with regard given to timescales and deadlines."
- Endorses the decisions of the Audit Committee but additionally agrees that any changes to achievable financial or budgeting forecasts approved by officers (Audit Scotland Report paragraph 16) will be shared with all councillors as soon as possible.
- Agrees that the Chief Executive bring an update to the next Council meeting of progress on addressing the issues raised by Audit Scotland.

Moved Councillor James Robb

Seconded Councillor Sandy Taylor