



### Audit and Standards Committee annual report 2018/19

**Committee**            Audit and Standards

**Date of meeting**    7 June 2019

**Date of report**    28 May 2019

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To provide an annual report on the work of the Audit and Standards committee in 2018/19.

#### 2. Background

##### Good practice guidance

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) recently published updated practical guidance on audit committees. This standard setter guidance states:

*'the (audit) committee should report regularly on its work to those charged with governance, and at least annually report an assessment of their performance'.*

#### 3. Outline of findings

##### Audit and Standards committee 2018/19

The Audit and Standards committee met four (4) times in the 2018/19 financial year (8 June 2018, 14 September 2018, 30 November 2018 and 22 February 2019).

A total of fifty-nine (59) reports were presented to and considered by the Audit and Standards committee at these meetings.

The core functions of the audit committee and reports presented were categorised as:

**Assurance frameworks and assurance planning:** reports included the assurance framework update and the digital assurance framework (as at date of meeting).

**Countering fraud and corruption:** reports included the Counter Fraud Strategy update, and the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) outcomes.

**External Audit:** reports included the 2017/18 annual audit report to members of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee and the Controller of Audit and the External Audit plan 2018/19.

**Financial reporting:** reports included the 2017/18 abstract of accounts for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme.

**Good governance and the annual governance statement:** reports included the Audit and Standards committee work plan, Audit Scotland reports, the annual governance statement (AGS) and the local code of corporate governance update.

**Governance and Ethical values:** reports included minutes of meetings, public reporting complaints statistics and members and directors expenses at each meeting.

**Internal Audit:** reports included an annual report for 2017/18, internal audit plan 2018/19, assurance engagement reports, a mid-year progress report, and follow-up performance.

**Risk Management:** reports included the Risk Management Strategy update and Corporate Risk register updates as at the date of each meeting.

A separate work plan for 2019/20 Audit and Standards committee business was noted at its meeting of 22 February 2019. To assist members the provisional Audit and Standards work plan for 2019/20, is provided to the committee (see Appendix 1).

**Note:** the provisional work plan can be supplemented with additional reports from assurance providers in accordance with the Audit and Standards Committee Terms of Reference.

#### 4. Committee action

The committee is asked to:

- (i) note the Audit and Standards committee annual report 2018/19;
- (ii) commend this report to the next Partnership meeting of 21 June 2019.

#### 5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In accordance with the Audit and Standards Committee Terms of Reference.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None.</i>

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