

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 31 AUGUST 2015

**AN OVERVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SCOTLAND 2015 – RESULTS FROM SELF
ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT & FINANCE

ABSTRACT

This report presents the results of an elected member self-assessment workshop which considered questions raised in the Accounts Commission Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2015 Report.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Reviews the completed Self-Assessment Supplement to the Accounts Commission's 2014 Overview Report (attached as Appendix 1) and the proposed Action Plan for the Council (Appendix 2); and
- (ii) Approves the proposed Action Plan (Appendix 2) with or without amendment for any additional issues members of the Committee would wish to see addressed

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report doesn't contribute directly to any of the local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016 but it is a key part of the Council's overall governance arrangements and thus makes a contribution towards all of the outcomes the Council is trying to achieve.

3. PROPOSALS

At the April 2015 meeting of the Committee members considered Report 169/15 which provided the Commission's Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2015 and a Self-Assessment Supplement for Councillors. The Committee agreed that a workshop be held so that the questions raised in the Supplement could be considered in more detail.

This report presents the results from the self-assessment workshop which took place on 2 June 2015. Appendix 1 is a summary of the discussion at the workshop on each of the questions raised in the Accounts Commission's Supplement along with an indication of possible areas for action. These areas for action have been developed into a full draft Action Plan which is attached as Appendix 2. Members of the Committee are asked to review these 2 appendices and approve the draft Action Plan with or without amendment for any additional issues members would wish to see addressed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:

- 1. Results from Self-Assessment Workshop
- 2. Draft Action Plan