

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2019

SLACIAG ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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ABSTRACT

This report submits the 2018 Annual Report of the Scottish Local Authorities Chief Internal Auditors' Group (SLACIAG) for noting.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note the 2018 SLACIAG annual report and our continued involvement with SLACIAG.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND COUNCIL PLAN

The work of the Scrutiny & Audit committee supports the achievement of the corporate priorities set out in the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Council Plan. The work of Internal Audit is a significant source of information and assurance for the committee. The work of SLACIAG supports me in my role of Service Leader - Internal Audit through providing background information for awareness and specific information to be used in the Internal Audit team's work. Information from meetings has also been shared with the Chief Executive and CLT.

3. BACKGROUND

The report at Appendix 1 summarises SLACIAG's purpose and the activity throughout the year. The key subjects of focus at meetings of SLACIAG and the two sub-groups dealing with investigations and computer audit were:

- Health & Social Care integration
- Discussions re fraud and exchange of information re fraud cases
- Audit Scotland presentation on their Best Value work
- Computer audit discussions about current developments, and specific audits carried out by SLACIAG members
- The work of the Care Inspectorate in relation to adult support and protection joint reviews
- Development of the peer review process for external assessment of compliance with PSIAS (Public Sector Internal Audit Standards)
- Consultation discussions with Audit Scotland representatives, and
- Training needs for internal auditors, including planning for the 2019 conference.

In addition to the meetings SLACIAG members share information and advice on an ad hoc basis throughout the year.

4. CURRENT POSITION

As the Service Leader - Internal Audit I will continue to attend meetings, contribute to SLACIAG as appropriate, and cascade information to the internal audit and counter fraud teams, and the wider council management teams. Internal audit and counter fraud team members will also engage with SLACIAG sub-groups and attend training courses as appropriate. Four members of the Internal Audit team attended the conference in June 2019 where the main topics under discussion were procurement and IT security, both of which feature in current audit reviews.

We will participate in the PSIAS compliance peer review process later in 2019.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Costs related to membership of SLACIAG, and attendance at meetings and the conference have been budgeted for in financial year 2019-20.

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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Appendix 1 SLACIAG 2018 annual report