

Minutes of Meeting of Audit
Scotland held in the offices of
Audit Scotland, 110 George
Street, Edinburgh on Friday 30
March 2007 at 12.15pm.

PRESENT: A MacNish (Chair)
J Baillie
R W Black
C Gardner
P Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: D McGiffen, Director of Corporate Services
R Frith, Director of Audit Strategy
W F Magee, Secretary

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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4.	Budget 2007-8
5.	Refurbishment of 18 George Street
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1. Minutes

The minutes of meeting of 26 January 2007 were submitted and approved.

2. Audit Committee

The minutes of meeting of the Audit Committee of 26 January 2007 were submitted and noted and the recommendations contained therein were approved.

3. Accountable Officer's Report

There was submitted a report by Robert Black as the Accountable Officer updating the Board on progress in Audit Scotland since its last meeting. The report covered the following areas –

- Business performance
- Supporting effective democratic scrutiny
- Future study programme
- Maximising the value of Audit Scotland
- Scrutiny matters
- International report
- Organisational events
- Staffing.

The Board noted the report.

4. Budget 2007-8

There was submitted a report by Russell Frith and Diane McGiffen presenting Audit Scotland's proposed budget for 2007-8. The proposed budget was based on that approved by the Scottish Commission for Public Audit and was based on net expenditure of £6.6M as approved by the Commission and incorporated into the Budget (Scotland) Bill. The report covered the following areas –

- Background and context
- Budgetary assumptions
- Budget overview
- Changes to the SCPA bid
- Capital expenditure
- Comparison with prior years.

After consideration Audit Scotland agreed to approve the budget as submitted.

5. Refurbishment of 18 George Street

There was submitted a report by Diane McGiffen updating the Board on progress with the refurbishment of 18 George Street and on the fire protection issues discussed at the Board's meeting in January. After discussion Audit Scotland agreed –

- i. that a further report be prepared for consideration by the Board outlining the various legal responsibilities and potential action by Audit Scotland, the landlord and building control, and

ii. otherwise to note the report.

6. Financial and Performance Update

There was submitted a report by Diane McGiffen updating the Board on Audit Scotland's financial and business performance during the period to 31 December 2006. In discussion of the report reference was made to the arrangements for term deposit of funds held by Audit Scotland. Thereafter Audit Scotland noted the report.

7. Future Meetings

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on 30 May 2007 at 10.30am.