

Minutes of Meeting of Audit Scotland held in the offices of Audit Scotland, 110 George Street, Edinburgh on Wednesday, 30 January 2008 at 2.10pm.

PRESENT: J Baillie (Chair)
I Low
R W Black
C Gardner
P Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: D McGiffen, Director of Corporate Services
R Frith, Director of Audit Strategy

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	Apologies
2.	Minutes
3.	Accountable Officer's Report
4.	Audit Scotland Corporate Plan 2008-2011
5.	Financial and Performance Update
6.	Property Update
7.	Disability Equality Scheme Annual Report
8.	Next Meeting

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Secretary Catherine Coull.

2. Minutes

The minutes of meeting of 28 November 2007 were submitted and approved.

3. Accountable Officer's Report

The Accountable Officer introduced his report updating the Board on progress in Audit Scotland since its last meeting. He highlighted the following areas:

- Development of best value outside of local government
- The Government response to the Crerar review and the resultant opportunities and challenges
- the Report of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit on Audit Scotland's Budget for 2008/09
- internal Best Value review of the use of resources in Audit Services group which had just commenced

The position was noted.

4. Audit Scotland Corporate Plan

The Director of Corporate Services introduced a paper outlining the proposed approach to the Corporate Plan for 2008 – 2011 which would involve greater consultation than previously and result in the plan being finalised in September.

The Board approved the proposal.

5. Financial and Performance Update

The Director of Corporate Services introduced the report which contained performance information for the quarter ended September 2007 and financial information for the nine months to 31 December 2007.

The Board noted the performance information and that the net financial outturn at 31 December was £1.05 million below budget.

6. Property Update

The Director of Corporate Services introduced a paper updating the Board on various property issues and in particular the completion of the refurbishment of 18 George Street within budget. The Board noted the position and asked that written confirmation be provided of Audit Scotland's position in relation to the level of fire resistance protection for the structural steelwork.

7. Disability Equality Scheme Annual Report

The Director of Corporate Services presented the Annual Report on the Disability Equality Scheme. The Board welcomed the report.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 25th March at 2.00pm

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