

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 August 2020

Report by Clerk

COMMITTEE'S SPECIALISATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS AND INSPECTION REPORTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To propose changes to the Committee's specialisation arrangements for dealing with internal and external audit reports and inspection reports.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that Councillor Convery lead, in terms of the Committee's specialisation arrangements for dealing with both inspection reports and external and internal audit reports, in partnership with Councillor Ireland and Councillor Gilbert on issues relating to the Chief Executive's Office and Health and Social Care Partnership respectively.

BACKGROUND

3. In June 2019, following discussion and taking account of the distribution of various aspects of the Committee's workload during the previous 2 years, and also views expressed by members of the Committee themselves, the most recent changes proposed to its specialisation arrangements for dealing with both inspection reports and external and internal audit reports, including those of a corporate nature or with a Council-wide focus, were approved. Under those arrangements, all members of the Committee receive copies of various reports and are able to raise issues about them, but various Members working in pairs lead on various issues on behalf of the Committee. A copy of the arrangements that were put in place at that time is attached to this report (see Appendix).

4. Arising from Provost Fletcher's resignation from the Committee, and the appointment of Councillor Convery to it, some changes to the specialisation remits need to be considered. Following discussion with the Chair, it is proposed that Councillor Convery take over the remits the Provost had for leading with Councillor Ireland on issues relating to the Chief Executive's Office; and Councillor Gilbert on leading on issues concerning the Health and Social Care Partnership. In view of the fact that a detailed analysis and review of the workload of various Members of the Committee associated with such reports was concluded as recently as June 2019, no further changes are proposed or considered necessary at present.

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Background Papers

Report on Committee's Specialisation Arrangements for Dealing with Internal and External Audit Reports and Inspection Reports (June 2019)

AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**SPECIALISATION ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED ON 20 JUNE 2019**

For the purposes of considering external audit, internal audit and external inspection reports, on 20 June 2019 the Committee agreed the most recent changes to its specialisation arrangements, agreeing that the following Members would specialise and lead on issues as follows:-

Reports with Council-Wide Focus

Reports are sent to Councillor Miller (Chair) and Councillor Grant (Vice-Chair) to lead on in liaison with other Members of the Committee as they consider appropriate.

Departmental Issues

Chief Executive's Office	Provost J Fletcher Councillor A Ireland
Corporate & Community Services Department	Councillor J McLean Councillor J Swift
Education Department	Councillor J McLean Councillor J Swift
Environment Department	Councillor S Miller (Chair) Councillor B Grant (Vice-Chair)
Health & Social Care Partnership	Provost J Fletcher Councillor C Gilbert

Reports Relating to Corporate Responsibilities Cutting Across More Than One Department (*Resting with Specific Director*)

These reports are sent to the Members who deal with the department with which corporate responsibility for the issue concerned rests.

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