

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL  
AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 August 2022

Report by Clerk

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

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval of proposals regarding the committee's specialisation arrangements for dealing with internal and external audit reports and inspection reports.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. It is recommended that the committee approves the proposals as set out in Table 1 in Paragraph 6 of the report.

**BACKGROUND**

3. In June the committee considered a report on its [Work Plan, Self-Evaluation and Related Issues](#), paragraphs 23 to 34 of which referred to the committee's specialisation arrangements for dealing with external, internal and inspection reports. As reported previously, under these arrangements, all members of the committee see all such reports and can contribute to any related discussions. However, for a number of years and taking account of the need to manage aspects of the committee's workload, members of the committee, working in pairs, have led on different issues.

4. Further to the committee's self-evaluation, as referred to in the report submitted in June, Recommendation/Observation 41 suggested it may be worth considering specialisation responsibilities resting with individual members of the committee, rather than pairs, to help ensure no dubiety exists about who is responsible for leading the review of a report or providing feedback. In June the committee accepted this recommendation in principle, and agreed that I consult with Members on which remits they would be interested in pursuing, with a view to final arrangements being agreed at a future meeting.

5. As indicated in related correspondence, the Chair has suggested that he and the Vice-Chair split the responsibility for reports with a Council wide focus, and that the other members of the committee each lead on one of the following areas:-

- Business Operations and Partnerships Department
- Chief Executive's Office
- Education Department
- Environment Department
- Health and Social Care Partnership

6. Taking account of the feedback received from some Members, it is proposed that specialisation arrangements be approved as set out in Table 1 below:-

Table 1: PROPOSED SPECIALISATION ARRANGEMENTS

	Reports with Council-Wide Focus	Business Partnerships and Operations Dept.	Chief Exec's Office	Environ't Dept.	HSCP	Educ'n Dept.
<b>Chair</b>	√ (Shared with Vice-Chair)					
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	√ (Shared with Chair)					
<b>Provost Montague</b>			√			
<b>Cllr Edlin</b>					√	
<b>Cllr Ireland</b>				√		
<b>Cllr Macdonald</b>		√				
<b>Cllr Wallace</b>						√

## RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that the committee approves the proposals as set out in Table 1 in Paragraph 6 of the report.

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### Background Papers

Report on Committee's Work Plan, Self-Evaluation and Related Issues (Audit and Scrutiny Committee 23 June 2022)