

To: Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board

On: 26 August 2019

Report by: Chief Auditor

Heading: Training for Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board Members

1. Summary

- 1.1 In line with national guidance produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) on the implementation of Audit Committee Principles in Scottish Local Authorities, training on audit and risk related matters is being provided to members of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board.
 - 1.2 At the Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board meeting on 28 May 2019, it was agreed that a programme of training briefings for members would be provided and would continue to form part of the main agenda at every alternate meeting.
 - 1.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is the agreed programme of briefings, and at Appendix 2 the current briefing on "Performance Reporting".
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the content of the current training briefing.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
3. **Community Planning –
Safer and Stronger** – an effective audit committee is an important element of good corporate governance.
4. **Legal** - None
5. **Property/Assets** - None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - None
8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** - None
10. **Risk** - training for elected members on audit and risk-related matters reflects audit committee principles
11. **Privacy Impact** – None
12. **COSLA Implications** – None
13. **Climate Risk** - None

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Appendix 1

Date	Topic
26 August 2019	Performance reporting
4 November 2019	Following the public pound
16 March 2020	Public Sector fraud

Performance Reporting

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board

26 August 2019



What? & Why?

Public Performance Reporting (PPR) is an important component in the Council's overall management arrangements, by collecting performance information, analysing, explaining and reporting on it...

Ensures local citizens, businesses and partner organisations are able to track Council performance over time, the progress against outcomes and if targets have/not been achieved.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1992 THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION (STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE) DIRECTION 2018



“COMMISSION TO
DIRECT RELEVANT
BODIES TO PUBLISH
SUCH INFORMATION
RELATING TO THEIR
ACTIVITIES IN ANY
FINANCIAL YEAR OR
OTHER SPECIFIED
PERIOD AS WILL, IN
THE COMMISSION’S
OPINION:



FACILITATE THE MAKING
OF APPROPRIATE
COMPARISONS (BY
REFERENCE TO THE
CRITERIA OF COST,
ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY
AND EFFECTIVENESS AND
OF SECURING BEST
VALUE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 1 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
SCOTLAND ACT 2003)

BETWEEN –



I. THE STANDARDS
OF PERFORMANCE
ACHIEVED BY
DIFFERENT
RELEVANT BODIES IN
THAT FINANCIAL
YEAR OR OTHER
PERIOD; AND



II. THE STANDARDS
OF PERFORMANCE
ACHIEVED BY SUCH
BODIES IN
DIFFERENT
FINANCIAL YEARS
OR, AS THE CASE
MAY BE, OTHER
PERIODS”

Audiences



ELECTED
MEMBERS



PUBLIC



AUDITORS



CPP PARTNERS/
STAKEHOLDERS



STAFF



CMT

Elected Members

High quality and accurate performance information is essential in decision-making, to monitor, review and evaluate the plans and activities of the Council.

WHAT?



National reports – such as Local Government in Scotland, Performance & Challenges



Local reports –performance of council plan, service improvement plan, risk register, operational plans, annual reports etc.



Audit and Inspections – reports on inspections, financial audits, internal audit progress reports, best value assurance report and progress etc.



Benchmarking – Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF), APSE, Scottish Public Service Ombudsman (SPSO)etc.

Public Performance Reporting (PPR)



RENFREWSHIRE.GOV.UK



EXTERNAL WEBSITES



BOARD PAPERS

[renfrewshire.
gov.uk](http://renfrewshire.gov.uk)

Council performance pages include:

- **Our current performance**, provides a summary of the recent performance reports including annual 'its all about you';
- **Renfrewshire data**, the open data platform and data needs assessments; and
- **Benchmarking** information such as the latest Local Government Benchmarking Framework data.

A Story Map



Its All About You 2017/18

Protecting the Public

Protecting the public and keeping our communities safe is one of our most important roles. We continue to take a strong lead role on adult and child protection across Renfrewshire and deliver services to manage and support offenders in the community.

85% of adults agree that Renfrewshire is a safe place to live (82% in 2016/17)

84% of adults are satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live (81% in 2016/17)

1,939 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour, increased slightly from 1,916 in 2016/17

Improving Care, Health and Wellbeing

We want to ensure that everyone in Renfrewshire has access to the support and services they need to help them live healthy and happy lives. We want to focus on person centred care and ensure that Renfrewshire is a caring place where people are treated as individuals and are supported to live well.

80% of adults overall receiving any help, care or



Infographics

Introduction

The purpose of the Management Commentary is to present an overview of Renfrewshire Council's performance during the 2018/19 financial year and to help readers understand its financial position at 31 March 2019. In addition, it outlines the main issues and risks that may impact the performance of the Council in the future.

Renfrewshire Council, one of 32 local authorities in Scotland, was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 and came into being on 1 April 1996.



We provide services to the residents of the entire Renfrewshire area, which has a mixed geography, with many villages completing its three main towns of Johnstone, Paisley and Renfrew.

The kind of services that the Council provides includes nursery, primary and secondary education; social services; waste services, council housing and regeneration.



The Council is governed by 43 elected members, or councillors, who serve across 12 multi-member wards.

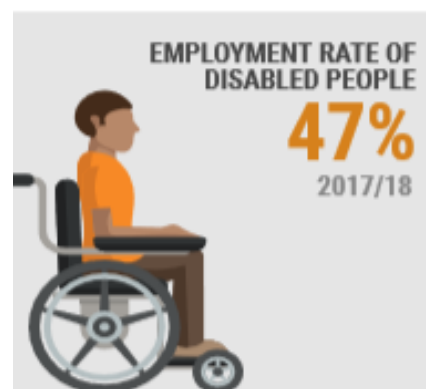
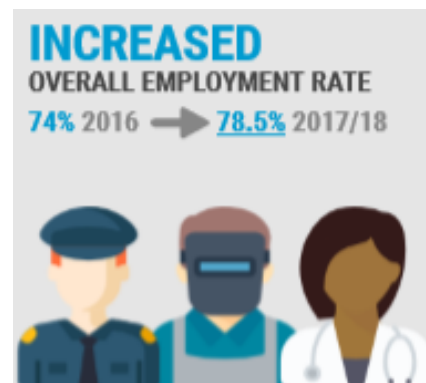
The political affiliations of the elected members are as follows:



Renfrewshire Council is organised into five directorate services, as follows:



The council is part of a wider Group, with partnerships spanning a number of organisations to varying degrees. These include:



External websites & sources

- Improvement Service, LGBF -
<http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/>
- [Audit Scotland](#) – Best Value Assurance Reports and National Performance and Challenges Report etc
- Scotland's National Performance Framework -
<https://nationalperformance.gov.scot>
- APSE -
<https://www.apse.org.uk/apse/index.cfm/performance-networks/performance-reports-indicators/>

- a structured approach to PPR, with clear presentation of information;
- effective use of customer satisfaction information;
- a balanced picture of performance;
- use of comparators;
- use of financial and cost information;
- evidence of the council's dialogue with the public;
- evidence of the accessibility of information; and
- underpins the development of a culture of customer focus and continuous improvement for Renfrewshire.

Good performance reporting

Questions

