



## **Draft internal audit plan 2018-19**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Committee a discussion draft of SFC's Internal Audit Plan for 2018-19.

### **Background**

2. Scott Moncrieff is required, by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, to produce a risk-based internal audit plan, which takes into account the Scottish Funding Council (SFC's) risk management framework, its strategic objectives and priorities, and the views of senior managers and the Audit and Compliance Committee.
3. A draft Internal Audit Plan for 2018-19 was presented to the March 2018 meeting of the Committee. This revised plan takes into account the discussion at that meeting and discussions with the Executive since.
4. One significant change since the last iteration of the plan is the postponement to next year of a review of Strategic Funding. This area is subject to substantial modification because of a review being undertaken by SFC's Finance Director informed by discussions with Scottish Government. It was felt that an audit review during such a period of adjustment would add little value. The audit days released have been allocated to any possible review at an institution where SFC would benefit from the auditor's independent examination of a substantial issue where clarity is required. It should be noted that the Terms of Reference for such a review would not be the traditional focus of Internal Audit, namely the design and operation of SFC's control and governance processes, but would utilise the auditor's skills to establish a clear understanding of an issue.
5. SFC's Internal Audit Plan for 2018-19 is attached.

### **Recommendations**

6. The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the plan.

## **Publication**

7. The paper will be published on the Council website and the attached report will be withheld from publication on the Council website under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 30: Prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs.

## **Further information**

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