

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: AUDIT APPOINTMENT 2001/02 TO 2005/06
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	
Date: 15 August, 2001	Ref: AC/YY

**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise that the external audit for the Council will be undertaken by Audit Scotland for the above period. The name of the responsible individual will be advised in due course.

**2. Recommendation**

To note the appointment of Audit Scotland



**Director of Finance**

15 June 2001

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Dear Mr Whitefield

**Audit appointment 2001/02 to 2005/06**

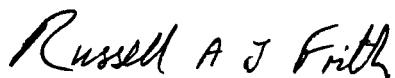
You will recall that I wrote to you on 30 March about the proposed audit appointment for your body for the financial years 2001/02 to 2005/06.

The main purpose of this letter is to confirm that, in terms of section 97 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Accounts Commission has now formally approved that your audit be carried out by Audit Scotland. I regret that it will not be possible to finalise the name of the responsible individual until further progress has been made with the appointment of a number of senior staff members and the composition of audit teams within the in-house provider structure. However, the responsible individual will report to Robert McFarlane, Regional Director (West) who can be contacted at the address and telephone number shown above.

I will contact you further about administrative and financial arrangements for the 2001/02 audit, including the nature and level of charges that Audit Scotland will require to levy in order to meet its statutory obligation under section 11(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 to ensure that total sums received are, taking one year with another, broadly equivalent to its expenditure.

If there is any aspect of the audit appointment that requires clarified or you wish to discuss further, please contact either myself (on 0131 624 8498) or Dave Beveridge (on 0131 624 8482).

Yours sincerely



**Russell AJ Frith**  
Director of Audit Strategy

