
7b Proposed 2012 Audit

- Purpose of Report

To provide the Board with an understanding of the approach that Deloitte, Nestrans Auditor for 2011/12 accounts, plan to bring to the audit process and identifying the key areas that their approach will focus upon this year.

- Background and Discussion

Audit Scotland have appointed Deloitte to the role of auditor for Nestrans for the next 5 years. They have produced an Audit Planning Report which is attached as appendix 1 to this report. This brings a timely and welcome indication of their general approach to this years audit.

Section 2 of the Planning report identifies the key audit risks which they will consider and in Section 3 they indicate that they will give consideration to the effectiveness of the Partnership in delivering the Regional Transport Strategy given the budget challenges which Nestrans are facing.

The Board will also note that Section 4 of the Report details the impact that fraud may bring on the activities of the Partnership. As part of its general Governance policies Nestrans has its own strategy for the prevention and detection of fraud. The audit process will give an indication of the reliability and effectiveness of this strategy

The Report also includes on page 2 the level of materiality which Deloitte will consider to be appropriate when reviewing the unaudited statements and on page 14, a timetable of the key audit dates and activities is included for the Boards information.

- Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Note the Audit Planning Report submitted by Deloitte

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20 March 2012