

sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund Annual Audit Plan 2018/19



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About us

Our vision is to be a world-class audit organisation that improves the use of public money.

Through our work for the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission, we provide independent assurance to the people of Scotland that public money is spent properly and provides value. We aim to achieve this by:

- carrying out relevant and timely audits of the way the public sector manages and spends money
- reporting our findings and conclusions in public
- identifying risks, making clear and relevant recommendations.

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Risks and planned work

1. This annual audit plan contains an overview of the planned scope and timing of our audit and is carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), the [Code of Audit Practice](#), and any other relevant guidance. This plan sets out the work necessary to allow us to provide an independent auditor's report on the financial statements and meet the wider scope requirements of public sector audit.

2. The wider scope of public audit contributes to assessments and conclusions on financial management, financial sustainability, governance and transparency and value for money.

Adding value

3. We aim to add value to sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund by being constructive and forward looking, by identifying areas for improvement and by recommending and encouraging good practice. In so doing, we intend to help sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund promote improved standards of governance, better management and decision making and more effective use of resources.

Audit risks

4. Based on our discussions with staff, attendance at committee meetings and a review of supporting information we have identified the following main risk areas for sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund. We have categorised these risks into financial risks and wider dimension risks as detailed in [Exhibit 1](#).

Exhibit 1 2018/19 Key audit risks

 Audit Risk	Source of assurance	Planned audit work
Financial statements issues and risks		
<p>1 Risk of management override of controls</p> <p>ISA 240 requires that audit work is planned to consider the risk of fraud, which is presumed to be a significant risk in any audit. This includes consideration of the risk of management override of controls to change the position disclosed in the financial statements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owing to the nature of this risk, assurances from management are not applicable in this instance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed testing of journal entries. Review of accounting estimates. Focused testing of accruals and prepayments. Identification and evaluation of significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business.

 Audit Risk	Source of assurance	Planned audit work
<p>2 Risk of fraud over income</p> <p>sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund receive a significant amount of income in addition to Scottish Government funding. The extent and complexity of income means that, in accordance with ISA240, there is an inherent risk of fraud.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income is principally received from the Scottish Government monthly draw down of Grant in Aid and monthly drawdowns from the national Lottery Distribution Fund to meet budgeted expenditure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component assurances covering Trust income. Carry out analytical procedures on income streams, other than funding from Scottish Government, to identify areas of risk and to direct our testing. Detailed testing of revenue transactions focusing on the areas of greatest risk. Substantive cut-off testing of income to ensure that it has been recognised in the correct financial year.
<p>3 Risk of fraud over expenditure</p> <p>The Code of Audit Practice and Practice Note 10 extend the assumptions within ISA240 to the risk of fraud over expenditure. sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund incur significant expenditure on the award of grants and therefore there is an inherent risk of fraud over expenditure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure is mainly administered through partnership agreements with sport Governing Bodies, Local Authorities and sports organisations which are governed by investment agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component assurances covering Trust expenditure. Carry out analytical procedures on expenditures streams to identify areas of risk and to direct our testing. Detailed testing of grant expenditure to ensure all conditions have been met prior to payments being made. Substantive cut-off testing of expenditure to ensure that it has been recognised in the correct financial year.
<p>4 Estimation and judgements – pensions</p> <p>There is a significant degree of estimation and judgement used in the measurement and valuation of the material account area relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme, which sportscotland employees are members of.</p> <p>This subjectivity represents an increased risk of misstatement in the financial statements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following issues with the actuarial valuation in 2017/18, we will be taking a later valuation from the actuaries for the 2018/19 year end. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of the appropriateness of the actuarial assumptions Establish management arrangements for assessing the impact of any movement in fund values between the IAS19 valuation date and the year end.

 Audit Risk	Source of assurance	Planned audit work
Wider dimension issues and risks		
<p>5 Financial sustainability</p> <p>sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund continue to face uncertainty over funding with reductions in both Grant in Aid and National Lottery funding in recent years.</p> <p>Although a break even position is forecast for 2018/19 there is a risk that financial balance may not be achievable in the medium to long term, partially due to a lack of detailed financial planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This risk is recognised in the corporate risk register sportscotland carries out detailed financial planning throughout the year, based on the assumptions available from Scottish Government and DCMS. Scenario analysis for funding for 2019-20 and beyond was presented to the December 2018 Board by the CEO. Further information will be provided at the February 2019 Board and will continue to be developed as the new Corporate Plan is finalised and implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and assess the adequacy and robustness of medium to long-term financial plans.
<p>6 Governance and transparency</p> <p>sportscotland has sound governance arrangements in place, however during our planning work we have identified slippage in the review of governance documentation and the arrangements for risk management. There is a risk that staffing pressures impact on the robustness of governance arrangements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sportscotland's Director of Corporate Services takes a suite of key governance documents each year to the April Board. The Corporate Risk register is being reviewed by the February Audit and Risk Committee. Financial regulations and controls are in place and have recently been reviewed by the Internal Auditors, looking specifically at the Trust Company sites and its links into Head Office. Substantial assurance was issued. Work is ongoing to fully document the existing financial control processes. The Fraud Toolkit will be updated as part of the current review of all legal policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to liaise with senior management about the status of Corporate Risk Register review, codification of financial regulations and update of Fraud Toolkit.

Reporting arrangements

5. Audit reporting is the visible output for the annual audit. All annual audit plans and the outputs as detailed in [Exhibit 2](#), and any other outputs on matters of public interest will be published on our website: www.audit-scotland.gov.uk.

6. Matters arising from our audit will be reported on a timely basis and will include agreed action plans. Draft management reports will be issued to the relevant officers to confirm factual accuracy.

7. We will provide an independent auditor's report to sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund, Scottish Parliament and the Auditor General for Scotland setting out our opinions on the annual accounts. We will provide the Accountable Officer and Auditor General for Scotland with an annual report on the audit containing observations and recommendations on significant matters which have arisen during the audit.

Exhibit 2 2018/19 Audit outputs

Audit Output	Target date	Audit & Risk Committee date
Management Letter	26 April 2019	26 June 2019
Annual Audit Report	12 August 2019	21 August 2019
Independent Auditor's Report	12 August 2019	21 August 2019

Source: Audit Scotland

Audit fee

8. The agreed audit fee for the 2018/19 audit of sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund is £47,140 (2017/18 £46,220). In determining the audit fee we have taken account of the risk exposure of sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund, the planned management assurances in place and the level of reliance we plan to take from the work of internal audit. Our audit approach assumes receipt of the unaudited accounts with a complete working papers package on 3 June 2019.

9. Where our audit cannot proceed as planned through, for example, late receipt of unaudited accounts, a supplementary fee may be levied. An additional fee may also be required in relation to any work or other significant exercises out with our planned audit activity.

Responsibilities

Accountable Officer and Audit & Risk Committee

10. Audited bodies have the primary responsibility for ensuring the proper financial stewardship of public funds, compliance with relevant legislation and establishing effective arrangements for governance, propriety and regularity that enable them to successfully deliver their objectives.

11. The audit of the annual report and accounts does not relieve management or the Audit & Risk Committee as those charged with governance, of their responsibilities.

Appointed auditor

12. Our responsibilities as independent auditors are established by the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and the Code of Audit Practice

(including supplementary guidance) and guided by the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard.

13. Auditors in the public sector give an independent opinion on the financial statements and other specified information accompanying the financial statements. We also review and report on the arrangements within the audited body to manage its performance, regularity and use of resources. In doing this, we aim to support improvement and accountability.

Audit scope and timing

Annual report and accounts

14. The annual report and accounts, which include the financial statements, will be the foundation and source for most of the audit work necessary to support our judgements and conclusions. We also consider the wider environment and challenges facing the public sector. Our audit approach includes:

- understanding the business of sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund and the associated risks
- assessing the control environment within key systems and establishing the impact of any identified weaknesses
- identifying major transaction streams, balances and areas of estimation and understanding how sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund will include these in the financial statements
- assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements
- determining the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures necessary to provide us with sufficient audit evidence as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

15. We will give an opinion on whether the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group / body's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its net expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Royal Charter / National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Ministers.

16. The group financial statements include the balances and transactions of sportscotland combined with those of the related Trust Company. Scott-Moncrieff will undertake the audit of the Trust Company for 2018/19. In order to arrive at our opinion on the financial statements of the Group, we will obtain such assurances as are necessary from Scott-Moncrieff on their audit of the Trust Company.

Information accompanying the financial statements

17. We also review and report on other information published within the annual report and accounts including the management commentary, annual governance statement and the remuneration report. We give an opinion on whether these have been compiled in accordance with the appropriate regulations and frameworks in our independent auditor's report.

18. We also read and consider any information in the annual report and accounts other than the financial statements and audited part of the remuneration report and report any uncorrected material misstatements.



characteristics



responsibilities



principal activities



risks



governance arrangements

Materiality

19. We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit. It is used in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit, and of any uncorrected misstatements, on the financial statements and in forming our opinions in the independent auditor's report.

20. We calculate materiality at different levels as described below. The calculated materiality values for sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund are set out in [Exhibit 3](#).

Exhibit 3 Materiality values

Materiality	Sportscotland Group	sportscotland Lottery Fund
Planning materiality – This is the calculated figure we use in assessing the overall impact of audit adjustments on the financial statements. It has been set at 1% of gross expenditure for the year ended 31 March 18 based on the latest audited accounts.	£385,000	£300,000
Performance materiality – This acts as a trigger point. If the aggregate of errors identified during the financial statements audit exceeds performance materiality this would indicate that further audit procedures should be considered. Using our professional judgement, we have calculated performance materiality at 50% of planning materiality. This takes into account the issues identified during the 17/18 audit and the planned substantive audit approach.	£193,000	£150,000
Reporting threshold (i.e. clearly trivial) – We are required to report to those charged with governance on all unadjusted misstatements more than the 'reporting threshold' amount. This has been calculated at 3% of planning materiality (rounded).	£10,000	£9,000

Source: Audit Scotland

Timetable

21. To support the efficient use of resources it is critical that the timetable for the preparation and audit of the annual report and accounts is agreed with us. We have included this at [Exhibit 4](#).

Exhibit 4

Financial statements timetable

 Key stage	 Date
Submission of unaudited annual report and accounts with working papers to audit	3 June 2019
Latest date for final clearance meeting with the Head of Finance	1 July 2019
Issue of draft annual audit report for clearance	15 July 2019
Agreement of audited annual report and accounts	5 August 2019
Issue of annual audit report, letter of representation and proposed independent auditor's report for Audit & Risk committee consideration	12 August 2019
Consideration of audited annual report and accounts and audit reporting by Audit & Risk committee	21 August 2019
Board meeting to sign annual report and accounts	28 August 2019
Independent auditor's report signed	29 August 2019

Source: Audit Scotland

Internal audit

22. Internal audit is provided by BDO. As part of our planning process we carried out an assessment of the internal audit function and concluded that it has sound documentation standards and reporting procedures in place and complies with the main requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS).

Using the work of internal audit

23. Auditing standards require internal and external auditors to work closely together to make best use of available audit resources. We seek to rely on the work of internal audit wherever possible to avoid duplication. We will consider aspects of the work of internal audit as their findings are made available however due to the timing and scope of the work no formal reliance is planned.

Audit dimensions

24. Our audit is based on four audit dimensions that frame the wider scope of public sector audit requirements as shown in [Exhibit 5](#).

Exhibit 5

Audit dimensions



Source: Code of Audit Practice

Financial sustainability

25. As auditors we consider the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting as part of the annual audit. We will also comment on the body's financial sustainability in the medium term (two to five years) and longer term (longer than five years). We will carry out work and conclude on:

- the effectiveness of financial planning in identifying and addressing risks to financial sustainability in the short, medium and long term
- the appropriateness and effectiveness of arrangements in place to address any identified funding gaps.

Financial management

26. Financial management is concerned with financial capacity, sound budgetary processes and whether the control environment and internal controls are operating effectively. We will review, conclude and report on whether sportscotland, including consideration of the Lottery Fund:

- has arrangements in place to ensure systems of internal control are operating effectively
- can demonstrate the effectiveness of the budgetary control system in communicating accurate and timely financial performance
- has assured itself that its financial capacity and skills are appropriate
- has established appropriate and effective arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

Governance and transparency

27. Governance and transparency is concerned with the effectiveness of scrutiny and governance arrangements, leadership and decision-making and transparent reporting of financial and performance information. We will review, conclude and report on:

- whether sportscotland, including consideration of the Lottery Fund, can demonstrate that the governance arrangements in place are appropriate and operating effectively

- whether there is effective scrutiny, challenge and transparency on the decision-making and finance and performance reports
- the quality and timeliness of financial and performance reporting.

Value for money

28. Value for money refers to using resources effectively and continually improving services. We will review, conclude and report on whether sportscotland, including the Lottery Fund, can:

- provide evidence that it is demonstrating value for money in the use of its resources
- demonstrate that there is a clear link between money spent, output and outcomes delivered
- demonstrate that outcomes are improving.

Independence and objectivity

29. Auditors appointed by the Accounts Commission or Auditor General must comply with the Code of Audit Practice and relevant supporting guidance. When auditing the financial statements auditors must also comply with professional standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and those of the professional accountancy bodies. These standards impose stringent rules to ensure the independence and objectivity of auditors. Audit Scotland has robust arrangements in place to ensure compliance with these standards including an annual “fit and proper” declaration for all members of staff. The arrangements are overseen by the Director of Audit Services, who serves as Audit Scotland’s Ethics Partner.

30. The engagement lead for sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund is Carole Grant, Senior Audit Manager. Auditing and ethical standards require the appointed auditor to communicate any relationships that may affect the independence and objectivity of audit staff. We are not aware of any such relationships pertaining to the audit of sportscotland Group and Lottery Fund.

Quality control

31. International Standard on Quality Control (UK and Ireland) 1 (ISQC1) requires that a system of quality control is established, as part of financial audit procedures, to provide reasonable assurance that professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements are being complied with and that the independent auditor’s report or opinion is appropriate in the circumstances.

32. The foundation of our quality framework is our Audit Guide, which incorporates the application of professional auditing, quality and ethical standards and the Code of Audit Practice (and supporting guidance) issued by Audit Scotland and approved by the Auditor General for Scotland. To ensure that we achieve the required quality standards Audit Scotland conducts peer reviews and internal quality reviews. Additionally, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) have been commissioned to carry out external quality reviews.

33. As part of our commitment to quality and continuous improvement, Audit Scotland will periodically seek your views on the quality of our service provision. We welcome feedback at any time and this may be directed to the engagement lead.

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