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Richard Leonard MSP  
Convener  
Public Audit Committee  
Scottish Parliament

Dear Convener

As you know, the Accounts Commission welcomes the opportunity to attend the Public Audit Committees along with the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) to discuss our joint reports.

Thank you for the recent invitation to discuss our recently published Alcohol and Drugs report. Unfortunately, both of the report sponsors, who have worked closely with the AGS and the Audit team in developing the report and its recommendations, are unavailable on 21 November so the Commission will not be represented directly at the session. However, the Audit team will be happy to answer questions on matters relating to local government.

Should Committee members have any questions on the report that they wish to pose to the Accounts Commission directly, please do not hesitate to get in touch following the meeting.

I would stress that this is an issue of Accounts Commission member availability on this occasion, and we very much look forward to attending the Committee in the future to discuss joint reports with the AGS.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Armstrong**  
Chair, Accounts Commission