

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

PLANNED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR PERIOD JULY 2020 TO JUNE 2021

1. **Public Accounts**

Consider the arrangements for auditing of the Public Accounts, the priorities of the audit and its effectiveness and report to The Governor and The Legislative Assembly.

Consider and report to the Legislative Assembly on the Public Accounts.

2. **Statutory Bodies**

Consider and report to the Legislative Assembly on the accounts of the following statutory bodies:

- Falkland Islands Development Corporation
- Falklands Landholdings Corporation
- Falkland Islands Tourist Board

3. **Bodies in receipt of public funds**

Consider and report to the Legislative Assembly on the accounts of the following bodies which are in receipt of public funds.

- The Media Trust
- The Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust
- Falklands Conservation
- South American Atlantic Services Ltd
- SAERI

4. **Bodies in which the Falkland Islands Government is a shareholder**

Consider and report to the Legislative Assembly on the accounts of the following bodies:

- Stanley Services Limited

5. **Bodies in which a Statutory Body is a shareholder**

Consider and report to the Legislative Assembly on the accounts of the following bodies:

- Falkland Islands Meat Company Limited

6. **Matters referred by The Governor**

Consider any matters that are referred to the PAC from HE the Governor or Executive Council.

7. Reports of the Chief Internal Auditor

Consider and report to Legislative Assembly on all reports of the Chief Internal Auditor, all reports must be sent by the Internal Auditor to the PAC within seven days. There are usually approximately twenty five such reports annually plus follow up reports. On occasion a report may be the basis of a further inquiry by the Committee. The Committee have invited the Chief Internal Auditor to attend meetings to respond in person to any questions the PAC have on audits when this is appropriate.

During 2019-20 the PAC reviewed five Internal Audits and twenty Follow Up Reports and one Internal Audit consultancy report, compared to fifty one audits and follow up reports in the previous reporting period.

8. Work completed in 2019 -20

Review of Leisure Centre Investment during 2013/14

The PAC report on Stanley Leisure Centre had been sent to Legislative Assembly in July 2019 making twelve recommendations. The PAC received the government's response accepting all twelve recommendations in January 2020 (ExCo Paper 03/20).

Current work in progress continuing in 2020-21

9. Review of FIG IT Database systems

This project has been started but will continue into the financial year of 2020 – 21 and will concentrate on FIG Databases with either a high number of users or high value purchase/maintenance price. This work is ongoing, research continues and a report is anticipated in the last quarter of 2020, delayed due to COVID.

10. Review of the Fisheries Building

This project has been started and has been delayed by changes in personnel in Internal Audit meaning it wasn't achieved under the Memorandum of Understanding in the previous financial year and then has subsequently been further delayed by COVID. The work done already has been reviewed by PAC Clerk to ascertain that further work is required and it is hoped this will be completed in the current financial year.

Work streams suggested for 2020-21

11. Other projects which may be considered for 2020- 21 include

- Public Jetty – Phase 1
- VPU scoping and phase 1
- Falklands College

12. The PAC will look into whether the following projects which have been suggested by the public are of merit and should be investigated:

- Temporary Generator
- Electricity pricing

13. The PAC has considered whether the following projects which have been suggested by the public are of merit and should be investigated and will not carry these further at this time:

- **FIGAS fleet/new aircraft orders and chartered aircraft.** The committee carried out initial enquiries and consider that the matter does not merit further investigation at this stage. The enquiries noted that the FIGAS charter did not incur costs to FIG unless used and that the sum spent on the charter if unused would transfer to the purchase of the new aircraft.
- **Replacement Emergency Services Radio procurement.** The committee considered this project however are aware that the matter may be under investigation already by another body and therefore will await the outcome of that investigation.

14. Follow up on previous Recommendations

The PAC's work plan during 2020-2021 will also allow time for following up on recommendations the committee has made to ensure that recommendations accepted by the FIG have been carried out in a timely manner.