

PRESENT	Cllr. James Stockan (Chair), Orkney Council Member Cllr. John Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Member Cllr. Audrey Sinclair, Highland Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Mr Ranald Robertson, Partnership Director Mr Derek Yule, Partnership Treasurer Mr Mike Mitchell, Partnership Finance Manager Ms Maggie Bruce, Audit Scotland Ms Jayne Westbrook, HITRANS Mr Derek Mackay, Partnership Secretary Ms Julie Cromarty, HITRANS
APOLOGIES	Cllr. John Cowe, Moray Council Member Prof. David Gray, Non-Councillor Member Mr Wilson Metcalfe, Non-Councillor Member Mr Okain MacIennan, Non-Councillor Member Mr Iain Mackinnon, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Cllr. Robert MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council, Substitute Member

FINANCE

2014/15 Accounts	Audited 1	The Partnership Treasurer presented the final 2014/15 Audited Accounts confirming that the position reported was unchanged from that presented to the Partnership Board meeting on 4 September 2015. The Chairman thanked the officers for their work in finalising the accounts.
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It was agreed to approve the 2014/15 Audited Accounts.

Annual Audit Report 2014/15	2	Ms Maggie Bruce presented Audit Scotland's Report to those charged with governance on the 2014/15 audit. Ms Bruce indicated that Audit Scotland had audited the financial statements and examined aspects of governance performance within the Partnership and found that the financial stewardship of HITRANS was satisfactory. Ms Bruce further indicated that the governance arrangements reflected the fundamental principles of openness, integrity and accountability and the systems of internal control provided an appropriate means of preventing or detecting material misstatement, error, fraud or corruption. The Chairman thanked Audit Scotland for their work on the audit.
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It was agreed to note the Report