

Minute of Meeting held in the
HITRANS office on Wednesday 28
September 2016 at 3.00pm.

PRESENT	<p>CLlr Audrey Sinclair, The Highland Council Member (in the Chair) CLlr John Mackay (Vice-Chair), Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Member (by tele-conference) CLlr Graham Leadbitter, Moray Council Substitute Member (by tele-conference)</p>
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Mr Ranald Robertson, Partnership Director Mr Mike Mitchell, Partnership Treasurer Mr Derek Mackay, Partnership Secretary Ms Maggie Bruce, Audit Scotland</p>
APOLOGIES	<p>CLlr James Stockan (Chair), Orkney Council Member CLlr Robert Macintyre, Argyll and Bute Council Mr Okain MacIennan, Non-Councillor Member Mr David Gray, Non-Councillor Member Mr Wilson Metcalfe, Non-Councillor Member</p>

FINANCE

Report to those Charged with Governance on the 2015/16 Audit	1	<p>Ms Maggie Bruce presented Audit Scotland's Report to those charged with governance on the 2015/16 audit. Ms Bruce indicated that Audit Scotland had audited the financial statements and had issued an unqualified opinion. 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 commented that this would be the last year that Audit Scotland would act as auditor to the Partnership and thanked Ms, Bruce for her work with the Partnership.</p> <p>It was agreed to note the Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership 2015/16 Annual Audit Report.</p>
Audited 2015/16	Accounts 2	<p>The Partnership Treasurer presented the final 2015/16 Audited Accounts detailing the performance of the Partnership and providing narrative on the financial outlook for 2016/17 and beyond. The Chairman thanked the officers for their work in finalising the accounts</p> <p>It was agreed to approve The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership Annual Audited Accounts 2015/16 for signature.</p>