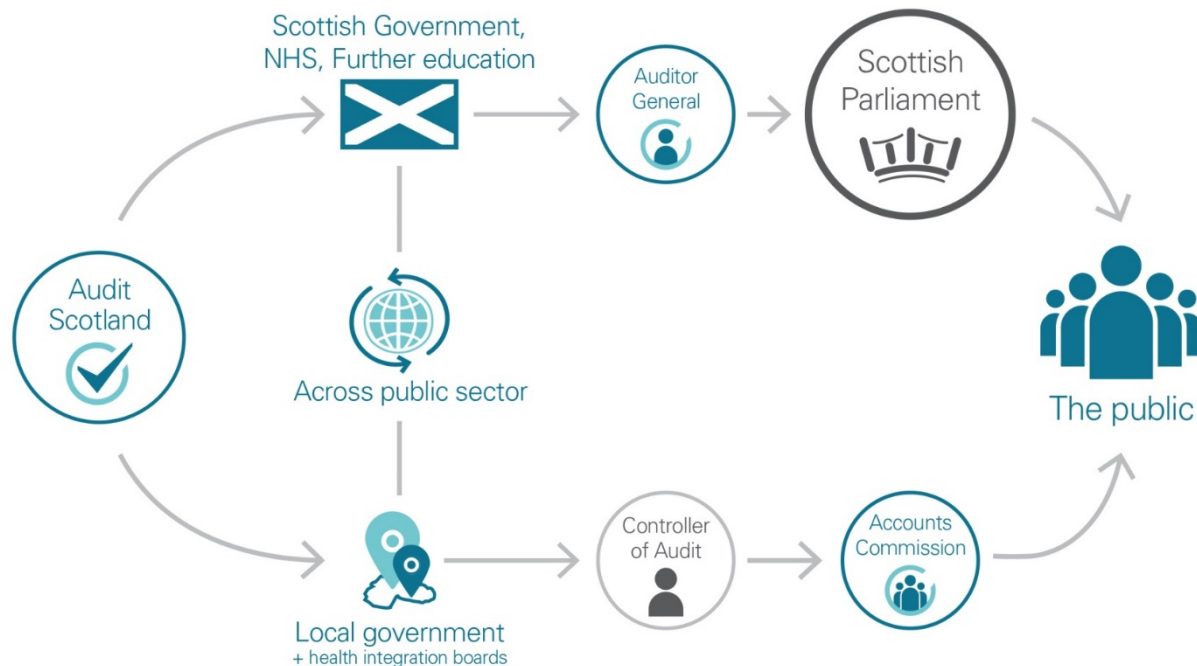


Audit Scotland perspectives on evidence

IRISS evidence event
2 March 2020

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We audit:

200+ bodies

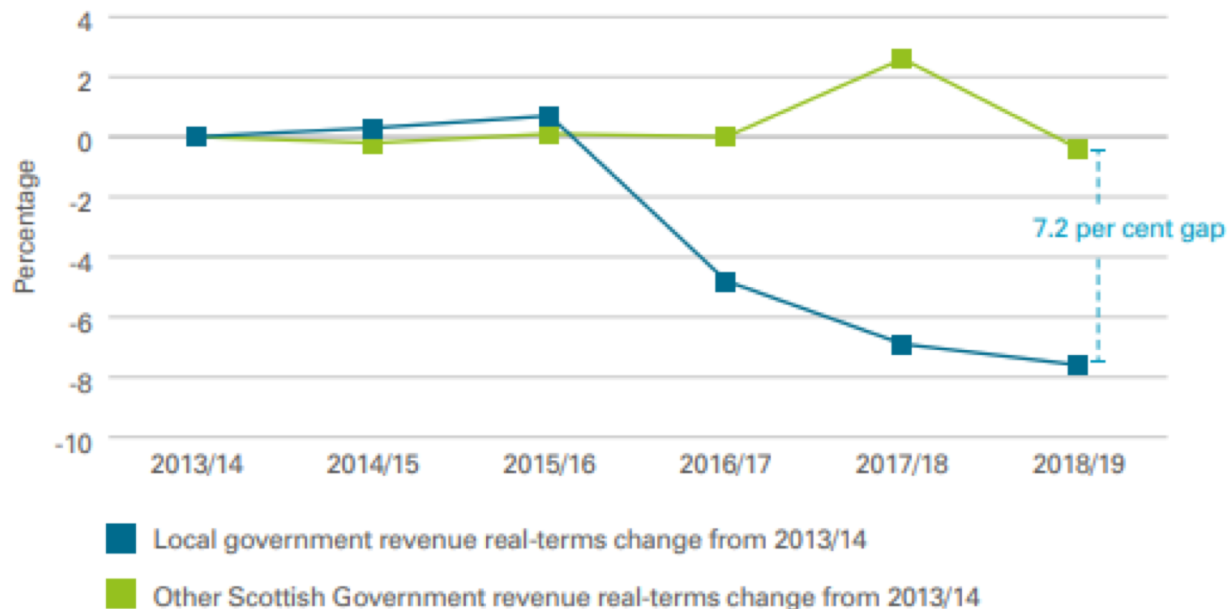


around £40
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Our role: To give independent assurance to the people of Scotland that public money is spent properly and provides value for money.

- Sustainability of services – financial pressures, demographic change, increasing demand, increasing complex needs
- Public service reform – complex governance arrangements, integrated working, shared resources, partnership working, community planning
- Legislative change – adding to financial pressures and demands on management and staff
- Staffing issues – recruitment difficulties, pressures in some areas (geographic/roles)
- Problems with availability and reliability of data for monitoring and evaluation
- Slow progress with transformation, new models of service delivery, digitisation and outcomes-focused approaches
- Not enough engagement with the public, open and frank discussion, or clarity about challenges and priorities

Comparison of real-terms changes in LG & other SG revenue funding



Source: Scottish Government budget documents and financial circulars

Features supporting integration



5 Principles for community empowerment



Outcomes-based approach

- Collaborative working
- How activities and finances work together
- How progress will be measured
- Identifying impact/ attribution
- Long-term view
- Reporting/ transparency
- Accountability
- Leadership



- Early learning and childcare: follow-up – publishing 3 March 2020
- Local government overview: performance & challenges – April 2020
- Affordable housing – April 2020
- Digital in local government – Autumn 2020
- Community empowerment – in the next few years
- HSC integration: 3rd in series – likely to be in the next 2-3 years
- **Social care sustainability – 2021**
 - Starting Summer 2020, still developing scope
 - Focus on service models, spending on social care, main pressures and risks, level of medium to LT planning, outcomes for people
 - Considering citizen focused audit approaches

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