



## Regularity audit of the CRC energy efficiency scheme reporting

**Committee**            Audit and Standards

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### Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

#### 1. Object of report

To advise the committee on the findings of a regularity audit of the carbon reduction commitment (CRC) energy efficiency scheme reporting. This engagement is included in the annual Internal Audit plan for 2017/18.

#### 2. Background

The Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) energy efficiency scheme is a UK government scheme designed to improve energy efficiency and cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions in private and public sector organisations with high energy use.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) regulates the scheme.

SPT is required to submit an annual summary report to SEPA on energy usage and purchase allowances based upon CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The objective of this engagement was to provide a level of assurance on the CRC annual summary report for 2016/17 and test supporting information.

This engagement tested elements of the internal controls and mitigation against SPT 22: Governance arrangements, as identified in the corporate risk register.

#### 3. Outline of findings

SPT has and continues to introduce a range of energy efficiency initiatives.

Engagement testing found that SPT has registered with SEPA for the CRC energy efficiency scheme in accordance with prescribed guidance. The annual summary report for 2016/17 was presented to SEPA in accordance with the end of July submission deadline.

Some areas for improvement were identified during the engagement and these areas were addressed prior to submission of the annual summary report 2016/17.

#### 4. Conclusions

The Audit and Assurance team has undertaken a regularity audit of the CRC energy efficiency scheme. Some areas for improvement were identified during the engagement and these areas were addressed prior to submission of the annual summary report 2016/17.

Key controls exist and are applied consistently and effectively in most areas tested in this engagement.

Sound assurance in most areas can be taken from the energy consumption levels reported in the CRC annual summary report for 2016/17.

#### 5. Committee action

The committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

#### 6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>None</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None</i>
Social Inclusion consequences	<i>None</i>
Risk consequences	<i>As detailed in the report</i>

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