

## June 2021 Update : COVID-19

### Joint statement from the members of the Public Audit Forum in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic

In June 2020, Members of the Forum recognised the devastating impact the Coronavirus pandemic was having on families and livelihoods, and the unprecedented efforts our governments and public authorities were making in response.

In the face of this global challenge, we committed to promote collaboration between our institutions to address common challenges and add more value to our stakeholders. We have met regularly to discuss forward work programmes, audit approaches, experiences and lessons learned. Identifying synergies has led to enhanced interaction and cooperation on some projects including, for example, overviews of how different governments have responded to the pandemic, and the costs of their interventions. Further details of each organisations' response can be found on our websites: [Audit Scotland](#), [Audit Wales](#), [National Audit Office](#), [Northern Ireland Audit Office](#).

Separately we have pursued responses appropriate to our respective remits and territories. Together we have leveraged our unique cross-government and wider public services insight and public finance perspective to identify and platform good practice and our work is stronger as a result. We will continue to provide independent assurance, facilitate transparency, and promote accountability and public-service improvement as we each play our important role in supporting society navigate through, and recover from, this crisis.