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Progress at East Dunbartonshire needs to continue

East Dunbartonshire Council has responded positively to previous concerns but needs to maintain momentum, says the Accounts Commission.

A new report published today is the third in three years by the local authority watchdog on how East Dunbartonshire is meeting the legal duty on all councils to deliver best value in what they do.

The Commission commended the council for acting upon various areas of concern set out in its findings from December 2016.

Improvements have been made in key areas such as leadership of the transformational change programme and in financial management.

However, in other areas it is too early to judge, given the arrival of new councillors and a new administration after the local government election in May this year.

In its findings, the Commission said it is essential that progress since last year is maintained. It will continue to monitor developments through the annual audit.

Graham Sharp, chair of the Accounts Commission, said: "We are encouraged by the council's positive response to our December 2016 findings.

"But there remains a lot more work to be done to ensure that improvements are sustained in the longer term and we would encourage the council to maintain its momentum."

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Notes to editors

1. The Controller of Audit has prepared this report for the Accounts Commission for Scotland as a follow-up to a report in December 2016. It is published alongside the Annual Audit Report (insert link to web page) for the council which goes into more detail on the matters raised.
2. Previous reports on East Dunbartonshire Council are available [here](#).
3. All Audit Scotland reports published since 2000 are available at www.audit-scotland.gov.uk
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