

**SUMMARY OF REGULATORY DECISIONS
(For Information Only)**

Governance and Audit Committee

Friday, 26 January 2024

1. The summary attached contains the decision(s) made by the above Committee.
2. There is no call-in on these decision(s). They are produced to inform Members of decisions made.
3. The decision(s) are for immediate implementation.
4. The decision(s) summary is available website.

**K.Jones
Chief Executive**

**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

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Members Present

Chairperson: J.Jenkins

Deputy Chairperson: H.Griffiths

Councillors: A.J.Richards, O.S.Davies and P.Rogers

**Councillor
Apologies:** P.D.Richards, S.Grimshaw, W.Carpenter and
H.Griffiths

Lay Members:
A. Bagley and M.Owen

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PART 1

1. Chairperson's Announcement/s	<p>The Chair, J. Jenkins, welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair expressed her deep sadness to the lose of former Committee Member Cllr Sheila Penry.</p> <p>The Chair went on to inform the Committee of a Members Seminar, scheduled for the 15th March. Members were also told of a pending training session surrounding risk.</p>
2. Declarations of Interest	There were none.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 th November 2023, be approved as a true and accurate account.
4. Audit Wales - Presentation on their review into the effectiveness of Scrutiny arrangements at the Council	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the Governance and Audit Committee note the report by Audit Wales in relation to their review of Scrutiny Arrangements.• That the Governance and Audit Committee note the Organisational Response Form, that was issued by the Council in response to Audit Wales.• That the Governance and Audit Committee make note that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny are undertaking a Task and Finish Group, one that will add detail.• That the Governance and Audit

	<p>Committee receive the final organisation response form, once the task and finish group have concluded. That the Council has agreed how it plans to address the recommendations raised by Audit Wales.</p>
<p>5. Audit Wales - Strategic Approach to Digital Services</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the organisational response form contained in appendix 3, of the circulated report be noted. • That the single recommendation from the Thematic Review of the NPT Digital Data and Technology Strategy (appendix 2) be noted.
<p>6. Audit Wales Work Programme and Timetable - Q2 Updates</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>That the report and quarterly update to the following areas be noted for monitoring,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Audit Summary • Financial Audit Work • Performance Audit Work • Local Government National Studies (planned/in progress) <p>That the quarterly update which is inclusive of progress to planned work for Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) be noted.</p>
<p>7. Treasury Management Monitoring</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>That the contents of the treasury management action and information for 2023/24 be noted.</p>
<p>8. Annual Governance Statement - six monthly update</p>	<p>Decision:</p> <p>That the half year progress made on the Corporate Governance Improvement Action Plan for 2023-2024 for the period 1st April to 30th September 2023, appendix 1 of the circulated report be noted for information.</p>
<p>9. Regulators Report Register</p>	<p>Decision:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Governance and Audit Committee note the reports issued by the Councils external bodies since October 2023. • That the Governance and Audit Committee note the updated Register of Regulators Reports and Recommendations, as contained within appendix 1 of the circulated report pack.
10. Internal Audit Quarterly Update Report	Decision: That the report be noted for information.
11. Forward Work Programme	Decision: That the forward work programme 2023 2024 be noted.
12. Urgent Items	There were none.
13. Access to Meetings	RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.
14. Special Investigations Update Report	Decision: That the circulated private report be noted.