

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**(Port Talbot Civic Centre, Committee Rooms 1/2)**

**Members Present:**

**26 June 2015**

**Chairperson:** Councillor Mrs.L.H.James

**Councillors:** D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, M.Harvey,  
A.R.Lockyer, Mrs.K.Lloyd and S.Rahaman

**Officers In Attendance** D.Rees, Miss A.O'Donnell, Mrs.J.North,  
Mrs.D.Mulligan and Miss.C.Davies

**Representing the Wales Audit Office:** Mrs.J.McNicholas

**Voting Lay Member:** Mrs.J.Jenkins

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1. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 20TH MARCH 2015**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, be approved

2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor M. Harvey - Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services –Internal Audit Service– as he was known to the Teacher of Awel Y Mor.

Councillor D.W. Davies - Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services – Special investigations - Chair of Governors Llangatwg School

3. **CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15**

Members received information in relation to the Council's Outturn position for Revenue and Capital and the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15, as detailed within the circulated report.

Following an inspection by the Wales Audit Office, it is required that the Statement of Accounts be signed off by the Chairman of the Audit Committee at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

It was highlighted that on page 72 'Will Roberts' should read 'Will Roberts' and on Page 97 there were four Councillor and not five Councillors representing Neath Port Talbot Homes.

**RESOLVED:** that the above report be noted.

4. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015**

Members were provided with details of the work undertaken for the financial year 2014/15 compared with that included in the Internal Audit Plan and to highlight issues relevant to the performance of the section.

It was highlighted that one of the terms of reference of this Committee is to 'monitor internal (and external) audit performance'. In order to comply with this requirement to monitor the in-house service, an annual report is given outlining Internal Audit work undertaken during the last year.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted

5. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - PROGRESS REPORT TO 31ST MAY 2015**

Members were provided details of the work undertaken for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and an update on progress against the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted

6. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - UPDATE REPORT JUNE 2015**

Members were provided with a response to queries raised at the March 2015 meeting on what joint working arrangements exist within the authority.

Members were also made aware of other issues relating to audit and governance.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2015/16**

Members received information on items which included Bank Base Rates, Borrowing and Investment Income, as detailed within the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

8. **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.

9. **SPECIAL INVESTIGATION**

Members were provided with details of special investigations that have recently been completed and Members were verbally updated on the special investigation currently in progress.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**