

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Members Present: **13 December, 2017**

Chairperson: **Councillor J.D.Morgan**

Councillors: H.C.Clarke, A.R.Aubrey, S.E.Freeguard,
J.Miller, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards and
R.W.Wood

Officers In Attendance D.Rees, A.O'Donnell, S.M.Davies, K.Jones and
N.Headon

Representing the Wales Audit Office: G.Gillett and S.Clements

Voting Lay Member: J.Jenkins

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September, 2017, be noted.

The Head of Financial Services will liaise with Chief Executive regarding update of Waste Management.

2. **AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Members received an update on current and planned Wales Audit Office work, as detailed in the circulated report.

It was noted that in the content of the report any reference to a web link, should be written in full in order for all Committee Members to be able to access the information.

Members also received a copy of the Annual Audit Letter 2016-17, from the Welsh Audit Office, which summarised the key messages arising from statutory responsibilities under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and Code of Audit Practice.

When completed the Head of Corporate and Democratic Services, to provide Members a copy of the project brief on public bodies provision of services to rural communities.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

3. **WALES AUDIT OFFICE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT (AIR) 2016/2017 - PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT, PROGRESS TO DATE (DECEMBER 2017)**

Members were provided with an update on progress made on addressing the proposals for improvement contained within the Welsh Audit Office, Annual Improvement Report (AIR) 2016/2017.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

4. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2017/18**

Members received an overview of the Treasury Management action and information reported to Policy and Resources Cabinet Board on the 13 December, 2017, as detailed in the circulated report.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

5. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - PROGRESS REPORT TO MID NOVEMBER 2017**

Members received an update on progress to mid-November, 2017, as detailed in the circulated report.

The Head of Financial Services provided answers to questions that were raised at the previous Committee in respect of 21st Century Schools funding and Corporate Risk Management.

Members requested that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services clarify with Legal Services whether individual

risks can be included in the Strategic Risk Register when there are planning decisions pending.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

6. **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.

7. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Members received an update on all Special Investigation Audits undertaken in the last quarter.

A discussion took place regarding report number 26; Members requested an update be brought back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON