

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

12TH JULY 2024

JOINT REPORT OF

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY & CORPORATE SERVICES – N DANIEL

&

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – H JONES

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Audit Wales – 2024 Audit Plan Neath Port Talbot Council

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the work which Audit Wales intends to undertake during 20224/2025. The report also contains details of the fees which will be charged. The report will be presented by Audit Wales.

Executive Summary

The Audit Wales 2022 Audit Plan, attached as appendix to this report, sets out the work Audit Wales plan to undertake to discharge their statutory responsibilities as the council's external auditor and to fulfil their obligations under the Code of Audit Practice.

Summary of work undertaken by Audit Wales:

- Financial Audit - Audit of Financial Statement
 - Performance Audit – Assurance & Risk Assessment
 - Performance Audit – Local project work – Review of Cyber Security Arrangements

- Certification of grant claims and returns

Financial Appraisal

The proposed fees have been accounted for in the council's budget.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impact

No implications.

Workforce Impact

There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impact

The Council is required to appoint an external auditor and have appointed Audit Wales to fulfil this obligation.

Risk Management

The findings of Audit Wales are a key input into the council's corporate governance arrangements and the areas identified for improvement work inform the Annual Governance Statement and associated improvement plans.

Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

For Governance and Audit Committee to note work Audit Wales plan to undertake during 2024/2025.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Audit Wales – Audit Plan 2024

List of Background Papers

None

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