



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

23rd April 2021

Report of the Head of Finance – Huw Jones

Matter for Information

Wards Affected:

All Wards

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide members with details of the terms of reference for this committee which were agreed at Council's Annual General Meeting on 17th March 2021.

2. Executive Summary

As members are aware the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill 2020 made amendments to the role of audit committees. Details of these changes were reported to members at the January 2021 Audit Committee. As at 1st April 2021 the Audit Committee became the Governance and Audit Committee and the role of the committee changed. The new terms of reference of this committee are attached as appendix 1 to this report.

3. Financial Impacts

No implications

4. Integrated Impact Assessment

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

5. Valleys Communities Impacts

No implications

6. Workforce Impacts

No implications

7. Legal Impacts

No implications

8. Risk Management Impacts

No implications

9. Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 –Terms of Reference

List of Background Papers:

None

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Governance and Audit Committee

To discharge with delegated authority the following functions:-

- review and scrutinise the authority's financial affairs, including approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts;
- make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's financial affairs;
- review and assess the risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements of the authority;
- make reports and recommendations to the authority on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements;
- oversee the authority's internal and external audit arrangements, including internal and external audit work plans, receive, review and make reports on audit work and performance;
- review the financial statements prepared by the authority.

- review and assess the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively and make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively