



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

27th September 2022

Report of the Chief Accountant Technical & Governance (Head of Internal Audit) - Diane Mulligan

Matters for Information

Wards Affected:

All Wards

Audit Wales – 2022 Audit Plan Neath Port Talbot Council

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the work which Audit Wales intends to undertake during 2022-23. The report also contains details of the fees which will be charged. The report will be presented by Audit Wales.

2. Executive Summary

The Audit Wales 2022 Audit Plan, attached as appendix 1 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.

3. Summary of work planned to be undertaken

- Financial Audit - Audit of Financial Statement
- Performance Audit – Assurance & Risk Assessment
- Performance Audit – Thematic Review – unscheduled care

- Performance Audit – Thematic Review – to be confirmed
- Performance Audit – Local Project – to be confirmed
- Certification of grant claims and returns

4. Financial implications

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

5. Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an integrated impact assessment as this report is for information purposes.

6. Valley Communities Impacts

No implications.

7. Workforce Impacts

No implications

8. Legal Impacts

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

9. Risk Management Impacts

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.

10. Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

11. Recommendation

For members to note the work Audit Wales plan to undertake during 2022-2023.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Audit Wales - 2022 Audit Plan Neath Port Talbot Council

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