

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

21st MARCH 2007

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**AUDITORS' REPORT ON RETIREMENT OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE – MAY 2006**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to place before Audit Committee the final report of the Council's Appointed Auditors, KPMG, setting out the results of their enquiries into the process leading to the retirement of the Chief Executive in May 2006.

The report was presented to the meeting of Cabinet on 13th March 2007.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/Other Corporate Priority

There is no connection to the CIP or other Corporate Priority.

3. Background

Following the retirement of the previous Chief Executive, Mr I K Lewis, in May 2006, KPMG, the Appointed Auditor's for the Council, carried out an investigation into certain aspects of the process by which the Authority reached agreement on the terms for the retirement.

4. Current Situation/Proposal

The Report contains a number of recommendations which are set out at pages 2-4 of the Report. The Authority has responded to these recommendations and the responses are set out in the body of the report. The conclusion of the Report is that the Auditors propose to take no further action on this matter.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

There is no link to the Policy Framework and/ or Procedure Rules.

6. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications other than those set out in the report itself.

7. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications other than those set out in the report itself.

8. Recommendation

That Audit Committee:

- i) receives the Report and
- ii) notes its recommendations.

Jo Farrar
Chief Executive
9 March 2007

Background Documents: KPMG Report – Bridgend County Borough
Council: Retirement of Chief Executive