

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

23 AUGUST 2007

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FINANCE

Involvement of Members in Risk Management

1. Purpose of Report.

1.1. At its meeting on 11 July 2007 the committee resolved :

‘ That written responses be presented to the next meeting of this Committee on the Section 106 report and the involvement of Members in Risk Management.’

1.2. This report is prepared to in response to that resolution.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

2.1. The Audit Committee’s work impacts on all of the Corporate Improvement Plan/other corporate priorities.

3. Current situation / proposal.

3.1. Members will by now have received the following email from the Executive Director – Resources outlining the current position :

“RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP

At a recent audit committee meeting you asked me about the constitution of the Council’s Risk Management Group. You indicated to me that this previously had Member representation and were therefore interested what had happened to the Group.

During his time at the Council you will be aware that the Interim Chief Executive expressed concern about the number of internal working groups that existed within the Council and the apparent overlap between them. As a consequence the number of groups were reduced considerably. This included the Risk Management Group.

When I arrived I reviewed the work that we undertook on Risk Management. I concluded that the work we undertook to evaluate and address strategic risks via the Joint Risk Assessment was adequate (indeed our ability to influence that, given the involvement of the Wales Audit Office, was limited).

I was also comfortable that the service based operational risk management procedures were adequate. I based this assessment on our reasonably good history of litigation and insurance claims.

However I did feel that there was something missing operationally in assisting services ensure that they all understood the opportunities that existed from closer working/mutual understanding of risks that each other faced. To this end I have established an officer group to consider such operational matters.

I trust that clarifies the position, but please let me know otherwise.”

3.2. If members have any questions on the current situation I will be happy to try to answer them

4. Effect upon Policy Framework& Procedure Rules.

4.1. None

5. Legal Implications.

5.1. There are no legal implications.

6. Financial Implications.

6.1. None

7. Recommendation.

7.1. That Members note the report

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Background documents

None