

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE 9th July 2008

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

Welsh Assembly Government Review of Bridgend County Borough Council's Audit Approach to Sixth Form Funding.

1. Purpose of Report.

1. To inform members of our results of a review of Internal Audit's approach to sixth form funding conducted by WAG auditors.

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

- 2.1. Internal Audit's work impacts on all of the Corporate Improvement Plan/other corporate priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1. Although channeled through Bridgend CBC, the vast majority of sixth form funding in our schools is provided by WAG in the form of grant aid.
- 3.2. In 2006 new grant conditions were put in place in an attempt to enable WAG to place more reliance on the work of our internal auditors in providing assurance on the use of these monies.
- 3.3. As part of these new conditions WAG auditors will periodically visit Internal Audit and review its approach to determine the extent that they can place reliance on their work

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1. The first of these reviews has now been completed and a copy of WAG's report is attached as an appendix.
- 4.2. All recommendations have been accepted and have either have been or shortly will be implemented.
- 4.3. I will gladly take any questions that members may have on the report.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1. None

6. Legal Implications.

- 6.1. There are no legal implications.

7. Financial Implications.

- 7.1. None

8. Recommendation.

8.1. That Members note the report

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Background documents

None