

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2013

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE - PERFORMANCE

AUDIT COMMITTEE – ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

1. Purpose of Report .

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the Appointed Auditor's Annual Audit Letter for noting.

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

- 2.1 Internal and External Audit's work impacts on the Corporate Improvement Objectives and other corporate priorities

3. Background.

- 3.1 The Appointed Auditor has a statutory responsibility under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to:
- Provide an audit opinion on the accounting statements,
 - Review the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources; and
 - Issue a certificate confirming that the Appointed Auditor has completed the audit of the accounts.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Attached to this report is the Annual Audit Letter which confirms that the Appointed Auditor issued an unqualified audit opinion on the accounting statements; confirming that they present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position and transactions.
- 4.2 The letter also confirms that the Appointed Auditor is satisfied that the Council has appropriate arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.
- 4.3 The Appointed Auditor in accordance with the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 issued a certificate confirming that the audit of the accounts has been completed on 9th October 2012.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 None

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 There are no equality issues.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 That the Committee notes the content of the Appointed Auditor's Annual Letter.

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Background documents:

None.