

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

16th January 2014

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

AUDIT COMMITTEE – RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

1. Purpose of Report.

1. To present to Members the report on the recommendations made since 1st April 2013, in accordance with the Audit Committee's Forward Work Programme.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

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

3. Background

- 3.1. The primary purpose of Internal Audit reporting is to communicate to management within the organisation information that provides an independent and objective opinion on the control environment and risk exposure and to prompt management to implement agreed recommendations for improvement.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1. In order to assist the Audit Committee in ensuring that due consideration has been given by the Committee to all aspects of their core functions a summary of the recommendations made by Internal Audit since 1st April 2013 prioritised according to risk is detailed in table 1 below.

Table 1

Description	No of Recommendations Made	No of Management Responses Received	No of Recommendations Awaiting Response
Fundamental – action imperative to ensure that the Authority is not exposed to high risks;	0	0	0
Significant – action	57	57	0

necessary to avoid exposure to significant risks;			
Merits Attention – action that is desirable and should result in enhanced control or better value for money (VFM);	139	139	0
Total	196	196	0

4.2 The recommendations made are graded according to their importance (Fundamental, Significant and Merits Attention). In addition, each recommendation will be grouped by risk. The risk categories are as follows:

A – Accomplishment of Objectives;

C – Compliance;

E – Value for Money;

R – Reliability and Integrity of Information;

S – Safeguarding Assets;

X – Governance.

4.3 Table 2 below details the number of recommendations made grouped by risk.

Table 2

Risk Category Description	No of Fundamental Recommendations	No of Significant Recommendations	No of Merits Attention Recommendations
A – Accomplishment Of Objectives	0	5	16
C – Compliance	0	22	51
E – Value for Money	0	0	4
R – Reliability and Integrity of Information	0	11	34
S – Safeguarding Assets	0	11	11
X – Governance	0	7	19
Y – Corporate Impact	0	1	3
Z – Self Assessment	0	0	1
Total	0	57	139

4.4 Table 3 below provides further analysis of the 57 significant recommendations. It provides details of the number of recommendations closed; the number of recommendations not yet implemented and the number of recommendations awaiting a response as at the time the data was extracted from the APACE system on 30th December 2013. .

Table 3

Risk	Awaiting Response	No Closed	No not yet Implemented	Target Dates for Implementation
A	0	5	0	
C	0	15	7	None overdue. Implementation 7 x April 2014
E	0	0	0	
R	0	8	3	None overdue. Implementation 1 x January 2014. 2 x April 2014
S	0	9	2	None overdue. Implementation 2 x January 2014
X	0	5	2	None overdue. Implementation 1 x January 2014; 1 x April 2014.
Y	0	0	1	Implementation April 2014.
Z	0	0	0	
	0	42	15	

4.5 The table shows that 15 recommendations have not yet been implemented, although it is acknowledged that the target date set for all non- implemented recommendations is between January and April 2014 and therefore are not as yet overdue.

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. None

8. Recommendation.

8.1. That Members give due consideration to the Implementation of Recommendations report to ensure that this aspect of their core functions is being adequately reported.

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Background Documents

None