

DECISION RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023 AT 10:00

Present

G Chapman – Chairperson (lay member)

C Davies
M L Hughes

S J Bletsoe
A Wathan

S J Griffiths
A Williams

D M Hughes

Lay members

Mr B Olorunnisola

Ms S Davies

Mr A Bagley

Officers:

Rachel Keepins

Democratic Services Manager

Carys Lord

Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change

Deborah Exton

Deputy Head of Finance

Mark Thomas

Head of Regional Audit Service

Samantha Clements

Audit Wales

Nigel Smith

Finance Manager

Eilish Thomas

Finance Manager - Financial Control & Closing

Jason Blewitt

Audit Wales

Joan Davies

Deputy Head of Regional Internal Audit Service

Alex Rawlin

Corporate Policy & Public Affairs Manager

Apologies for Absence

None

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 10/11/2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Title of Report	Governance and Audit Committee Action Record
Decision Made	That the Committee noted the report and the attached Action Record.
Title of Report	Regulatory Tracker
Decision Made	That the Governance and Audit Committee agreed the summary points and detailed regulatory tracker and raised some issues for follow up, as noted in the minutes.
Title of Report	Audit Wales Governance and Audit Committee reports
Decision Made	That Members noted the Audit Wales Governance and Audit Committee reports including the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing report, and the attachments at Appendix A, B and C.
Title of Report	Corporate Risk Assessment 2023-24
Decision Made	That the Committee considered the Corporate Risk Assessment 2023-24 report together with the updated 2023 Risk Management Policy.

Title of Report	Treasury Management Strategy 2023-24
Decision Made	That the Committee considered the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-2024 and recommended that the final updated Treasury Management Strategy be presented to Council for approval in March 2023.

Title of Report	Statement of Accounts 2021-22
Decision Made	That the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the audited statement of accounts 2021-22. • Noted the appointed Auditor's Audit of Accounts Report. • Noted and agreed the final letter of representation to Audit Wales to be signed by the Chairperson of the Committee and Section 151 Officer.

Title of Report	Governance And Audit Committee Self-Assessment of Knowledge & Skills
Decision Made	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the members of the Governance and Audit Committee reviewed the self-assessment questionnaire feedback information and discussed the learning and development areas required. (2) Officers were requested to draft a learning and development plan reflecting the views of the Committee.

Title of Report	Progress against the Internal Audit Risk Based Plan 2022-23
Decision Made	That Members of the Committee noted the content of the report and also the progress made against the Internal Audit Risk Based Plan.

Title of Report	Recommendation Monitoring
Decision Made	That members considered the information provided in respect of the status of the recommendations made in the report.

Title of Report	Updated Forward Work Programme 2022/23
Decision Made	That the Committee considered and approved the Forward Work Programme for 2022-2023.
Urgent Items	None