

DECISION RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023 AT 10:00

Present

G Chapman – Chairperson (Lay Member)

S J Bletsoe
S J Griffiths

RM Granville
M Williams

M L Hughes

C Davies

Lay Members

A Bagley

B Olorunnisola

Apologies for Absence

A Williams

Officers

Carys Lord

Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change

Andrew Wathan

Head of the Regional Internal Audit Service (RIAS)

Joan Davies

Deputy Head of the Regional Internal Audit Service (RIAS)

Alex Rawlin

Corporate Policy & Public Affairs Manager

Simon Roberts

Senior Fraud Investigator

Nigel Smith

Eilish Thomas

Rachel Freitag

Mark Galvin

Stephen Griffiths

Group Manager - Chief Accountant

Finance Manager - Financial Control & Closing

Audit Wales

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Title of Report	Approval of Minutes
Decision Made	The Minutes of the meeting on 1 June 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Governance and Audit Committee Action Record
Decision Made	The Committee noted the Action Record.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Draft Statement of Accounts 2022-23
Decision Made	The Committee noted the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2022-23 at Appendix A.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023

Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None
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Title of Report	Annual Governance Statement 2022-23
Decision Made	The Committee approved the draft Annual Governance Statement at Appendix A and agreed its inclusion within the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2022-23.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Porthcawl Harbour Return 2022-23
Decision Made	The Committee approved the unaudited Porthcawl Harbour Return 2022-23 at Appendix A.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Treasury Management Outturn 2022-23
Decision Made	The Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the annual treasury activities for 2022-23. • noted the actual Treasury Management Indicators for 2022-23 against those approved in the Treasury Management Strategy 2022-23.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Annual Corporate Fraud Report 2022-23
Decision Made	<p>The Committee noted the Annual Corporate Fraud Report 2022- 23, the measures in place, the work being undertaken to prevent and detect fraud and error and the update on the National Fraud Initiative (NFI).</p> <p>The Committee requested that the DWP be contacted to invite a representative to attend a meeting to outline their approach to dealing with matters of suspected fraud.</p>
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Regulatory Tracker Update
Decision Made	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • considered the summary points and detailed regulatory tracker and raised any issues of concern for follow-up. • considered the proposed mechanisms for referring inspections and recommendations in paragraph 3.1. • considered the options for reducing the tracker's size in paragraph 3.6.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Corporate Self-Assessment 2022-23
Decision Made	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewed and provided recommendations for change to the corporate self-assessment report 2022/23 at Appendix 1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> considered whether the additions to the report since 2021/22 add value to the document.
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Forward Work Programme 2023-24
Decision Made	<p>The Committee considered and approved the updated Forward Work Programme for 2023-24.</p> <p>A draft of the Governance & Audit Committee's Annual Report will be submitted to the September 2023 meeting, and this should be added to the Forward Work Programme 2023-24.</p>
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Urgent Items
Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	26 July 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None