

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

28 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BRIDGEND CBC CORPORATE ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT BY THE WALES AUDIT OFFICE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To present the Wales Audit Office's report to the Audit Committee for noting and information (attached as **Appendix A**).

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The corporate assessment provides a position statement on the Council's capacity and capability to deliver continuous improvement. It examines the track record of performance and outcomes as well as examining the key arrangements that are necessary to underpin improvements in services and functions.

3. Background.

- 3.1 In 2015, the Wales Audit Office undertook an in-depth corporate assessment of Bridgend County Borough Council. The focus of the assessment was on the extent to which arrangements are helping to improve service performance and outcomes for citizens.
- 3.2 The Auditor General's overall conclusion is that "the Council is developing appropriate plans for the future and subject to aligning ICT and human resource functions with the transformation programme, is well placed to secure improvement".
- 3.3 The Auditor General did not make any formal recommendations. Instead, he made eight proposals for improvement. These proposals are included in the report (pp. 4-5) attached at **Appendix A**.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The Wales Audit Office carried out a follow-up audit earlier this year. The audit examines whether the Council is making effective progress against the proposals for improvement issued in the Corporate Assessment report.

- 4.2 The Auditor General has concluded that “the Council has responded effectively to the issues we raised in the Corporate Assessment and has either fully implemented our proposals for improvement or has made progress against them”. A summary of the findings is presented on page 5 and page 6 of the attached report, with further information in relation to the Council’s progress against each proposal for improvement being set out in *Appendix 1* of the report.
- 4.3 The Wales Audit Office intends to give further consideration to the matters that remain outstanding as part of their programme of audit work for 2017-18.
- 5. Effect upon Policy Framework& Procedure Rules.**
- 5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and the Procedure Rules.
- 6. Equality Impact Assessment**
- 6.1 No equality impact assessment has been undertaken as this is a report for information.
- 7. Financial Implications.**
- 7.1 There are no financial implications in this report.
- 8. Recommendation.**
- 8.1 That the Audit Committee receive the report and note the content of the report and the improvement that has been made.

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Background documents

None