

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

18 JANUARY 2018

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SECTION 151 OFFICER

ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2016-17

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the Appointed Auditor's Annual Audit Letter 2016-17 for noting attached as **Appendix A**.

2. Connections to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 Achievement of the aims and objectives in the Corporate Plan is underpinned by ensuring that effective governance arrangements are in place.

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 2016-17 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) 2004, issued a certificate confirming that the audit of the accounts has been completed.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedural rules

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee:

- Note the Annual Audit Letter 2016-17 (Appendix A)

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Background Documents:

None