

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

25th SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

WAO Performance Work 2014/15

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the Appointed Auditor's annual letter in respect of the audit performance work and associated fees for 2014/15 and an update on the current status of the planned work.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 Internal and External Audit's work impacts on the Corporate Improvement Objectives and other corporate priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Appointed Auditor has a duty under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Local Government Act 1999 and the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 to deliver a programme of performance audit work. In addition to this work, a programme of Local Government Studies will be conducted.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1. Attached to this report (Appendix A) is the annual letter from Wales Audit Office (WAO) which outlines the Improvement Assessment work and Local Government Studies that will be undertaken on the Council in 2014/15 and the fee associated with the undertaking of this work. Appendix B provides an update on the current status of the planned work.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1. None

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The fee for performance audit work for the 2014/15 will be £99,654.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That Members give due consideration to the attached documents to ensure that all aspects of their core functions are being adequately reported.

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