

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

28 JUNE 2018

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SECTION 151 OFFICER

AUDIT COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee attached at **Appendix A** for noting.

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 terms of reference of the Audit Committee have not been reviewed nor amended within the Constitution of the Council for a number of years. A desktop review of the existing terms of reference has been undertaken to ensure that it is up to date and fit for purpose.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 Effective Audit Committees bring many benefits to an organisation and to ensure that the Council continues to provide an effective Audit Committee, the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference are considered and approved as appropriate by members. Attached at Appendix A are the amendments to the Terms of Reference that were approved by Council on the 20 June 2018. The amendments are highlighted via tracked changes.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The Constitution governs the operation of the Council and thereby has an effect upon the operation of the Policy Framework. It will be amended to include the new terms of reference for Audit Committee.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

- 6.1 Although there are no direct impacts, the Constitution as the key governance framework document for the Council is critical in

demonstrating commitment to the Council's duties under the Equality Act 2010.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

7.1 The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 None.

9. Recommendations.

9.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee:

- Note the revised Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee (Appendix A)

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Background Documents: Council's Constitution