

Wales Audit Office – Overview and Scrutiny – Fit for the Future?

Recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 1 While discussing the proposals for improvement provided by the Wales Audit Office the Committee highlighted the lack of synergy between Cabinet, Officers and Members and recommend that the quarterly meetings between Cabinet, Corporate Management Board and Scrutiny Chairs be further developed to be more attentive to timeliness. The Committee also request that the outcomes from these meetings are cascaded to all other Members.
- 2 Members note that the development of a programme of scrutiny meetings for webcasting had already been proposed for future review activity and recommend that officers ensure the planned webcasts cover a wide range of topics and are allocated across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 3 With reference to the Wales Audit Report questioning how the Council undertake scrutiny of the Public Service Board, the Committee voiced their own concerns due to the lack of meetings the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel have undertaken in the last year and recommend that the rationale for the Panel is explored and query why the Panel has made such little progression.
- 4 The Committee recommend that the introduction of a Scrutiny Chair Research Group be explored, to take the opportunity to research best practice on a topic prior to the item being brought into Committee for Scrutinising. Members request that the Research Group be added for further discussion at the next Scrutiny Chairs meeting and that the Chair of BREP, Group Leaders and the Leader be invitees for the item.