

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

13 DECEMBER 2018

### REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

#### ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2017-18

##### 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the Appointed Auditor's Annual Audit Letter 2017-18, attached as **Appendix A**, for noting.

##### 2. Connections to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority:
- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

##### 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 2017-18 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications**

7.1 This report links to the Council's long-term well-being objectives as it examines the performance of the Council and how continuous improvement is being achieved.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 It is recommended that Audit Committee:

- Note the Annual Audit Letter 2017-18 (Appendix A)

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**Background Papers:** Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004