

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

13 DECEMBER 2018

REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

AUDIT OF 2017-18 PERFORMANCE

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the certificate from Wales Audit Office, the Appointed Auditor, on the performance of the Council in 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 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to annually publish an assessment which describes its performance:
- In discharging its duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions;
 - In meeting the improvement objectives it has set itself;
 - By reference to performance indicators specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance indicators; and
 - In meeting any performance standards specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance standards.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 The Appointed Auditor, in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Auditor's Code of Practice issued a certificate confirming that the Council has discharged its duties under the Measure and has acted in accordance with Welsh Government guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties. This is attached at **Appendix A**.

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 Certificate on the Audit of the Council's 2017-18 Performance (**Appendix A**)

Gill Lewis CPFA
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Background Papers: Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009