

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**20 NOVEMBER 2014**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE – ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2013-14**

**1. Purpose of Report .**

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

**2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / 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 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 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) Act 2004 issued a certificate confirming that the audit of the accounts has been completed.

**5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

- 5.1 None

**6. Equality Impact Assessment.**

6.1 There are no equality issues.

**7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

**8. Recommendation.**

8.1 That the Committee notes the content of the Appointed Auditor's Annual Letter.

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**Background documents:**

None.