

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

20 NOVEMBER 2014

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

WAO PERFORMANCE WORK 2014/15

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit an update on the Performance Audit Programme 2014-15 by the Wales Audit Office.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / 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 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Local Government Act 1999 requires the Auditor General to carry out an annual Improvement Assessment to determine whether Bridgend County Borough Council is likely to comply with the requirements of Part 1 of the Measure. This involves:-
 - A review of the Council's arrangements to secure continuous improvement;
 - Improvement studies of areas which may hinder improvement or transformation or give rise to inefficiencies;
 - Bespoke pieces of work related to the Council's improvement objectives and arrangements; and
 - An audit of the Council's published improvement plans and its self-assessment of performance.
- 3.2 The Performance Audit Programme outlines work to be undertaken in the Council between April 2014 and March 2015 by and on behalf of the Auditor General under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Parts 2 and 3A of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1. A copy of the Performance Audit Programme update is attached at **Appendix A**.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1. None

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The fee for performance audit work for the 2014/15 will be £99,654.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Members note the update on the Performance Audit Programme for 2014-15.

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