

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

10th APRIL 2014

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

INTERNAL AUDIT SHARED SERVICE CHARTER 2014/15

1. Purpose of Report.

1.1 To present to Members the Council's Internal Audit Shared Service Charter for 2014/15.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

2.1. Internal Audit's work impacts on all of the Corporate Improvement Objectives / other corporate priorities.

3. Background

3.1. As at the 1st April 2013, the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) came into force and superseded the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Internal Auditors.

3.2. The PSIAS is applicable to all areas of the United Kingdom public sector and is based on the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditor's (CIIA's) International Professional Practices Framework.

3.3. The roles of the Audit Committee in relation to internal audit are to:

- Oversee its independence, objectivity, performance and professionalism;
- Support the effectiveness of the internal audit process and;
- promote the effective use of internal audit within the assurance framework

3.4. One of the key roles which demonstrate the Audit Committee's oversight is the approval of the Internal Audit Charter. The Audit Committee approved the first Internal Audit Shared Service Charter 2013/14 at their meeting held on 21st March 2013.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1. The PSIAS requires the Head of Audit to review the charter periodically but final approval resides with the Audit Committee.

4.2. The Internal Audit Shared Service Charter for 2014/15 is attached at Appendix A. It has been reviewed to ensure it continues to reflect the requirements of the PSIAS and only minor amendments / updates have been made these include:-

- The change of designation for the Section 151 Officer from the Assistant Chief Executive – Performance to the Corporate Director – Resources.
- Changes to highlight the implementation of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework& Procedure Rules.

5.1. There is no effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1. There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

8. Recommendation.

8.1. The Committee is recommended to consider and approve the Internal Audit Shared Service Charter for 2014/15 as attached to this report.

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Background Documents

None