



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Richard Thomas (In the Chair)

Councillors: G Jones, T Chaplin, G Davies, D L Jarrett,  
C T Jones, G Lewis, B E Mansbridge and K Moran

**Lay Member:**  
D Gibby

**Officers:**  
Gary Evans (Audit Manager), Kerry O'Donovan (Corporate Risk and Sustainability Manager), Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer) and Adele Lewis (Chief Accountant)

**Outside Bodies:**  
Kevin Williams (PricewaterhouseCoopers) and Sophie Taylor (PriceWaterhouseCoopers)

Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
433	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received for Councillor Tom Lewis.
434	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
435	Action Schedule	Gary Evans updated the Committee in relation to the Action Plan Schedule dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and responded to questions raised.

436	Annual Risk Management Progress Report and Updated Corporate Risk Register for 2014-15	<p>Kerry O'Donovan provided the committee with an update on the Annual Risk Management Progress Report and Updated Corporate Risk Register For 2014-15.</p> <p>Detailed discussion ensued in relation to the content of the report and questions were raised and answered by the officers.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Davies entered the meeting at 2.15pm.</p> <p>The Chair requested that a member of the Highways Department be invited to the next meeting in relation to Street Lighting</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors receive and approve this report, including the Corporate Risk Register for 2014-15, and note the progress made in developing Risk Management</li> <li>• Audit Committee invites Lead Officers to attend periodically on a rolling programme basis to report on progress in managing their Corporate Risks.</li> <li>• This report is forwarded to Cabinet for approval</li> <li>• The Committee request a member of the Highways Department attend the next meeting in relation to street lighting.</li> </ul>
437	Audit of Financial Statements Report for 2013/2014.	<p>The Chair welcomed Kevin Williams and Sophie Taylor of PricewaterhouseCoopers to the meeting.</p> <p>Kevin Williams provided the Committee with a brief outline of the audit outcomes and risks identified and Sophie Taylor provided a briefing on the council's assets and the findings of the audit. Questions raised by the Committee were answered by the appropriate officers.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the report be received by the committee.</li> </ul>
438	Annual Governance Statement for 2013/2014.	<p>Gary Evans led the committee through the report and highlighted to the committee that there were a number of addendums and due to time constraints he was unable to produce them at the meeting, however they would made available to all councillors at the Special Council Meeting.</p> <p>Gary highlighted the significant governance issues that were addressed, issues regarding the updating of the constitution and Scrutiny arrangements. He also advised the committee that the report was still in draft format until the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014.</p>

		<p>Discussion ensued and questions were raised and answered by the appropriate officers.</p> <p>The Chair recommended that the Committee approve the Draft statement subject to a number of addendums.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Councillors receive and approve the report.</li> </ul>
439	Annual Internal Audit Report for Financial Year 2013/2014.	<p>Gary Evans led the Committee through the report giving a brief outline of its contents and highlighting salient points.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and questions were raised and answered by the appropriate officers.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Gary for the report and the Audit Team for the work that had been successfully completed throughout the year.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report be received by the committee</li> </ul>
440	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group update	<p>The Chair provided an update relating to the Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee receive the update</li> </ul>
441	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that he was aware of an issue with the date of the next Audit Committee and Councillor Clive Jones addressed the committee.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Committee that the next Audit meeting be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at 2.00pm.</p>