



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

# AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, 13TH APRIL, 2015**

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

Councillors: T Chaplin, C T Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, K Moran  
and Raymond Thomas

**Lay Member:**  
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**Officers:**  
Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) -  
Lead Director for Children and Young People), Gary Evans  
(Audit Manager), Kerry O'Donovan (Corporate Risk and  
Sustainability Manager) and Lisa Emerson (Asset Management  
Principal Officer)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER   | DECISION  |
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| 1259     | Apologies for absence   | Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B E Mansbridge and Councillor G Jones.  |
| 1260     | Declarations of Interest                                      | No Declarations of Interest were made.  |
| 1261     | Action Schedule   | Gary Evans referred to the Action Schedule and updated the Committee.   |
| 1262     | Update on Managing Corporate Risk 7 - Standards of Attainment | The Chair welcomed Lorraine Buck and Kerry O'Donovan to the Meeting.<br><br>Kerry O'Donovan referred the Committee to the Update on Managing Corporate Risk 7 – Standards of Attainment report. |

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|      |   | <p>Councillor Raymond Thomas entered the Meeting at 2.06 pm.</p> <p>Lorraine Buck referred the Committee to Corporate Risk 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards of attainment do not improve at the rate that is needed</li> </ul> <p>Lorraine Buck then updated the Committee and responded in detail to the questions raised.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lorraine Buck and Kerry O'Donovan for attending and the update to the Committee.</p> |
| 1263 | Officer response to the WAO report entitled Report of Deficiencies in Internal Controls | <p>The Chair welcomed Lisa Emerson to the Meeting.</p> <p>Lisa Emerson referred the Committee to the Officer response to the WAO report entitled Report of Deficiencies in Internal Control report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Lisa Emerson.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The findings in the report be noted</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lisa Emerson for attending the Meeting.</p>                 |
| 1264 | Audit Committee Meetings  | <p>The Chair referred to the Audit Committee Meetings report.</p> <p>Gary Evans then shared with the Committee a proposed Committee cycle for Meetings every six weeks, eight weeks and quarterly.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Audit Committee Meetings be scheduled on a six weekly basis for the 2015/2016 Municipal year.</p>  |
| 1265 | Creation of an Audit Sub-Committee  | <p>The Chair referred to the Creation of an Audit Sub-Committee report.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The proposal to create an Audit Sub –Committee be not proceeded with.</p>   |
| 1266 | List of Published Internal Audit Reports graded Unsatisfactory or Poor                  | <p>Gary Evans referred to the List of Reports that had been issued Graded 'D' Unsatisfactory and 'E' Poor.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The appropriate Officers in relation to the reports</p>  |

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|      |  | <p>referred to be invited to attend a future Committee Meeting</p> <p>(b) Reports be supplied to the Committee Members prior to the Committee.</p> |
| 1267 | Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group update | The Chair updated the Committee in relation to the Scrutiny and Audit Chair's Group Meeting.   |
| 1268 | Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair  | The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.  |