



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 6TH JULY, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Thomas (In the Chair)

Councillors: G Jones, T Chaplin, M Davies, C T Jones, T Lewis,
B E Mansbridge, K Moran and Raymond Thomas

Lay Member:
D Gibby

Officers:
Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Gary Evans (Audit
Manager) and Kerry O'Donovan (Corporate Risk and
Sustainability Manager)

Outside Bodies:
John Herniman – Wales Audit Office
Martin George – PriceWaterhouseCoopers

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
159	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Lewis and Councillor Raymond Thomas.
160	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
161	Highlight report for the Corporate Risk Register	The Chair welcomed Kerry O'Donovan to the Meeting. Kerry O'Donovan referred the Committee to the Highlight Report for Corporate Risk Register 2014 – 15 (as at 31 March 2015) report. Councillor Raymond Thomas entered the Meeting at 2.10 pm.

		<p>Members then raised the following questions on the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk No 4 – Impact of Welfare Reform • Risk No 1b – Budgetary pressures for Home Care, Residential Care Placements and Independent Domiciliary Care • Risk No 1c – Inability to meet recycling and waste targets resulting in substantial financial penalties on the Council • Risk No 1d – Failing to comply with Mandatory Welsh Government targets and Carbon Reduction Commitment will lead to extra costs in tax <p>Kerry O'Donovan then responded to the questions raised.</p> <p>The Chair then advised that if Committee Members had questions on Service areas that the questions be forwarded to Gary Evans to obtain a response or to invite the lead Officer(s) or Portfolio Cabinet Member to a future Meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Kerry O'Donovan for the update to the Committee.</p>
162	External Audit 2015 Audit Plan	<p>The Chair welcomed John Herniman Wales Audit Office and Martin George PriceWaterhouseCoopers to the Meeting.</p> <p>John Herniman referred the Members to the 2015 Audit Plan Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>A Member advised that in Paragraph 23 it should read 'County Borough Council'.</p> <p>Questions were then raised on the report and were responded to in detail by Mr Herniman and Mr George.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The 2015 Audit Plan be received.</p> <p>The Chair thanked John Herniman and Martin George for the update to the Committee.</p>
163	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group update	<p>The Chair advised that there was no update as there was no longer a Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group.</p>
164	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>Audit Committee Training</p> <p>The Chair referred to the recent Audit Training Session that</p>

		<p>had taken place as it had been very informative and thanked all those who had been involved for their work and preparation for the Training.</p> <p>He also advised that if Members who were unable to attend wished to have this Training to contact him and Gary Evans.</p> <p>Special Committee Meetings</p> <p>The Chair advised of the following Special Audit Committee Meetings that were being proposed:</p> <p>Monday 27 July 2015 commencing at 2.00 pm.</p> <p>Moving the Meeting scheduled for Monday 28 September 2015 to Monday 21 September 2015 commencing at 2.00pm.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Special Audit Committee proposals be accepted.</p>
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