



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Thomas (In the Chair)

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

Lay Member:
D Gibby

Officers:
Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Adele Lewis (Chief Accountant) and Gary Evans (Audit Manager)

Outside Bodies:
Kevin Williams (Engagement Director -
PriceWaterhouseCoopers)
John Herniman (Wales Audit Office)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
438	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Jones, Councillor T C Lewis and Councillor B E Mansbridge.
439	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
440	Audit of Financial Statements Report for 2014/2015	The Chair welcomed Kevin Williams PriceWaterhouseCoopers and John Herniman Wales Audit Office to the Meeting. John Herniman introduced the 'Audit of Financial Statements' Report to the Committee.

		<p>Kevin Williams then led the Committee through the report in detail.</p> <p>Councillor G Lewis entered the Meeting at 2.05 pm.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central South Consortium • Claw Back • Fixed Asset Valuation • Revalued Assets – Reimbursement • Redundancy Provision <p>A Member also advised that in the Document it should read 'Merthyr Tydfil' and 'County Borough'.</p> <p>The Chair then congratulated the Officers for the work undertaken and for the remarks in relation to the audit from Mr Williams.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Audit of Financial Statements Report be received.</p>
441	Annual Governance Statement for 2014/2015	<p>Gary Evans referred the Committee to the 'Draft Annual Governance Statement for 2014/2015 and advised that if there were no amendments other than those in the addendum to the report then the amended Draft Annual Governance Statement would be submitted to the next Meeting of Full Council for approval.</p> <p>Gary Evans advised that there were the following minor amendments contained in the addendum to the report and outlined the following to the Committee:</p> <p>Page 3; Section 3 paragraph (d): Amendment to first sentence from <i>'Workshops have been held to develop a Corporate Self Evaluation Model'</i> to read <i>'In July / August of 2013 a series of workshops were held to develop a Corporate Self Evaluation Model'</i></p> <p>Alteration throughout the whole document where necessary to change <i>'Authority'</i> to <i>'Council'</i> for uniformity.</p> <p>Page 5; Section 3 paragraph (g): Insertion of text after first sentence <i>'In addition, there have been a number of changes required as a result of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011'</i>.</p> <p>Page 6: Section 3 paragraph (k): Insertion of text into second sentence to change from <i>'The Whistleblowing Policy was updated and amended during 2014/2015 to include more detailed monitoring of staff awareness and improved record keeping measures'</i> to <i>'The Whistleblowing Policy was updated and amended during 2014/2015 to incorporate legislative change. A programme of work has been agreed to include more detailed monitoring of staff awareness and improved record keeping measures'</i>.</p>

		<p>Paragraph 4.1 should read 'Councillors recommend to Full Council that the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2014/2015 as amended be approved.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Draft Annual Governance Statement and were answered by Gary Evans.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Councillors recommend to Full Council that the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2014/2015 as amended be approved.</p>
442	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there were no items deemed urgent.