



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Thomas (In the Chair)

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

Lay Member:
D Gibby

Officers:
Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services) and Gary Evans
(Audit Manager)

Outside Bodies:
Tim Buckle (Wales Audit Office Performance Audit Lead)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
648	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T C Lewis and Councillor P Williams Cabinet Member.
649	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
650	External Audit/External Inspectors Regulatory Work Activity Work Plan and Timetable	<p>The Chair welcomed Tim Buckle Wales Audit Office to the Meeting.</p> <p>Tim Buckle referred to the External Audit/External Inspectors Regulatory Work Activity Work Plan and Timetable April 2015 to March 2016 and led the Committee in detail through the Plan.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee</p>

		<p>and were responded to by Tim Buckle and Gary Evans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Erosion Risks • Financial Management Review • Work of Relevant Inspectors <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The contents of the External Audit/External Inspectors Regulatory Work Activity Work Plan and Timetable be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Tim Buckle for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
651	Wales Audit Office National Reports	<p>Gary Evans referred the Committee to the 'Wales Audit Office National Reports' report and advised that the appropriate Officers could be invited to future Committee Meetings.</p> <p>A Member stated that he would support Officers being invited to the Committee when appropriate together with the appropriate Cabinet member.</p> <p>Another Member stated that it would be helpful if a timetable was available.</p> <p>Gary Evans advised that he would circulate a timetable to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee then recommended that Steve Jones Chief Finance Officer and Lisa Jones Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development be invited if available to attend the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The contents of the reports be noted (b) Invitations be extended to relevant Officers to attend future Audit Committee Meetings to provide updates regarding progress on implementation of accepted recommendations.
652	Internal Audit Information Reports	<p>Gary Evans referred the Committee to the Internal Audit Information reports in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Caedraw Primary School (b) Gellifaelog Primary School (c) ICT Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (d) ICT Password Control (e) VAT <p>The following questions were then raised on the reports by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there access to School Minutes and Agendas. • Were Audit Inspection Reports shared with Headteachers. • Business Continuity - Satisfactory

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password Control – Satisfactory <p>Another Member then suggested that the issues in relation to Schools be raised at the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Gary Evans then responded to the questions raised by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed that the appropriate Officers be invited to attend a Committee Meeting in relation to Business Continuity and Password Control.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The reports be received.</p>
653	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.