



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 25TH APRIL, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Thomas (In the Chair)

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

Lay Member:
D Gibby

Officers:
Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Gary Evans (Audit Manager), Kerry O'Donovan (Corporate Risk and Equalities Manager) and Ceri Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager)

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

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1357	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Jones.
1358	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1359	Update on Progress in Managing the Council's Corporate Risks for	The Chair welcomed Ellis Cooper, Steve Jones, Mark Thomas, Ceri Dinham and Kerry O'Donovan to the Meeting.

	2015-2016.	<p>Ellis Cooper referred the Committee to the 'Update on Progress in Managing the Council's Corporate Risks for 2015 -16' report and Risk 6 – Reputation – The risk that the Council fails to maintain and protect its reputation.</p> <p>Ceri Dinham then made a Presentation to the Committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a good reputation • Improving our reputation – Progress to date • What do we want to achieve • Reputation – What do people say • What is Reputation built upon • What can we do to make a difference • Reputation Management – Local Government Association • Local Government Association – 2005 – Reputation Guide • The 2010 Guide: Three big reputation issues • Five rules of Reputation • The 2013 Reputation and Trust Research • Summary <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse Collection • Recycling Collection • Litter on Carriageways • Staff levels • A to Z Guide • One Stop Shop • Civic Amenity Site • Contact Magazine • Appendix 1 – Risk Cause <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
1360	Wales Audit Office 2016 Audit Plan.	<p>The Chair welcomed Helen Goddard and Tim Buckle to the Meeting.</p> <p>Helen Goddard led the Committee through the Wales Audit Office '2016 Audit Plan – Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to by Helen Goddard, Tim Buckle and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a similar audit been undertaken across all Local Authorities in Wales • Staff Vacancies • Appendix 2 – At what stage will these reports be presented to Committee • When will the Committee receive a Schedule of Work • Statutory Deadlines

		The Chair then thanked Helen Goddard, Tim Buckle and the Officers for the update to the Committee.
1361	Internal Audit Plan 2016/2017.	<p>Gary Evans referred to the Internal Audit Plan 2016 /2017 and requested that if the Committee had any issues to raise on the Plan to let him know.</p> <p>The Committee then referred to staff vacancies and requested that the Chief Executive and Cabinet Portfolio Member be invited to attend the next Committee Meeting to discuss vacancies.</p>
1362	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.